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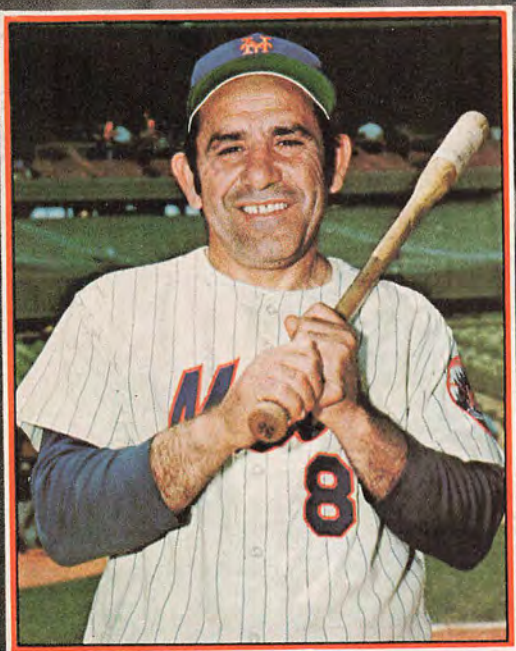
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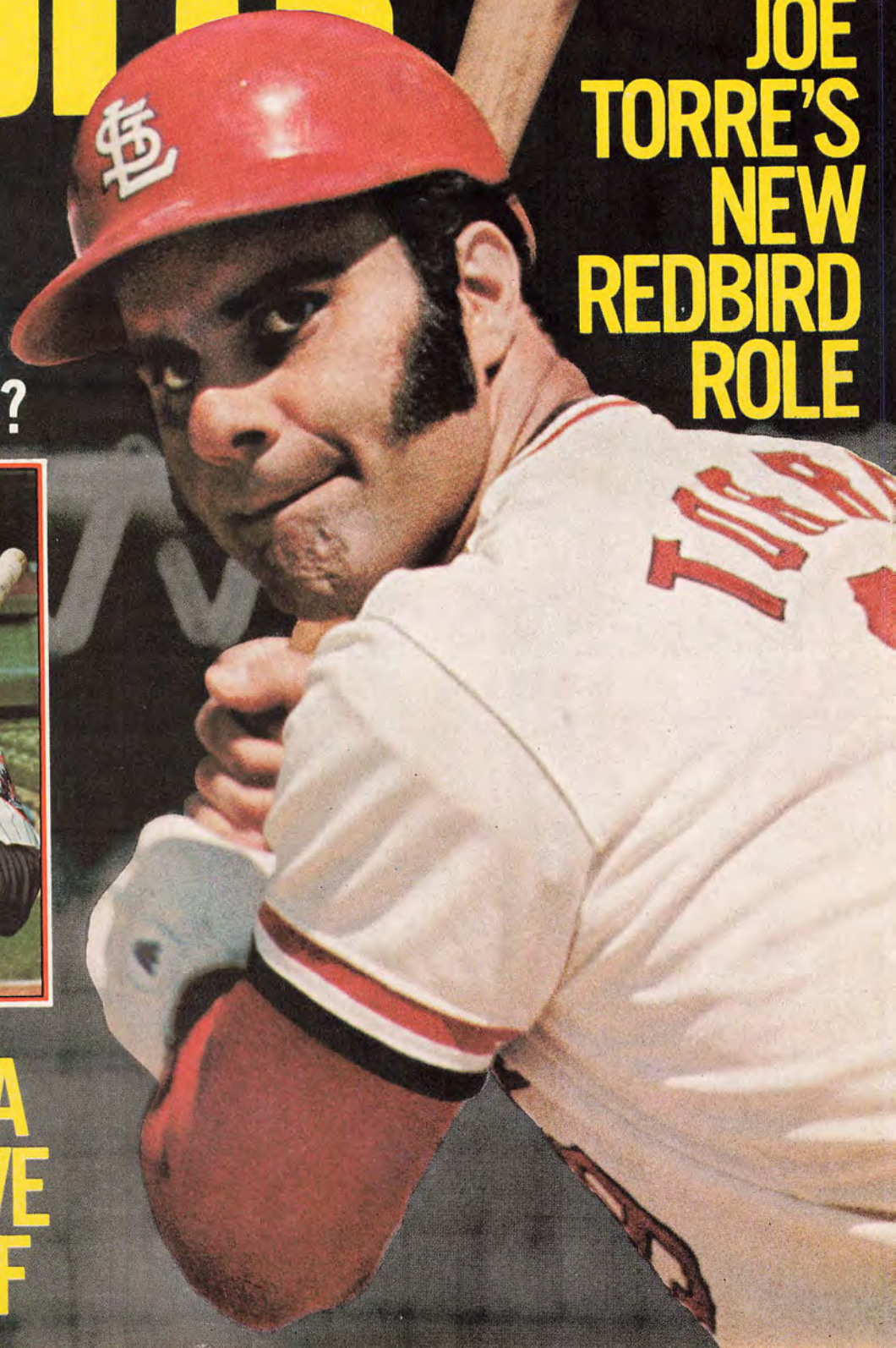
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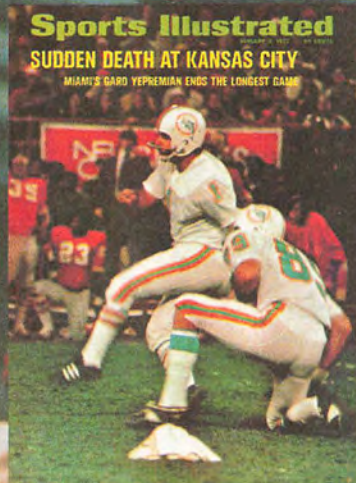
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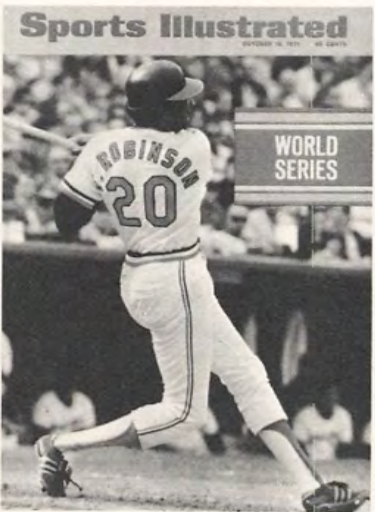
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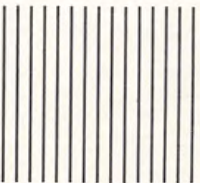
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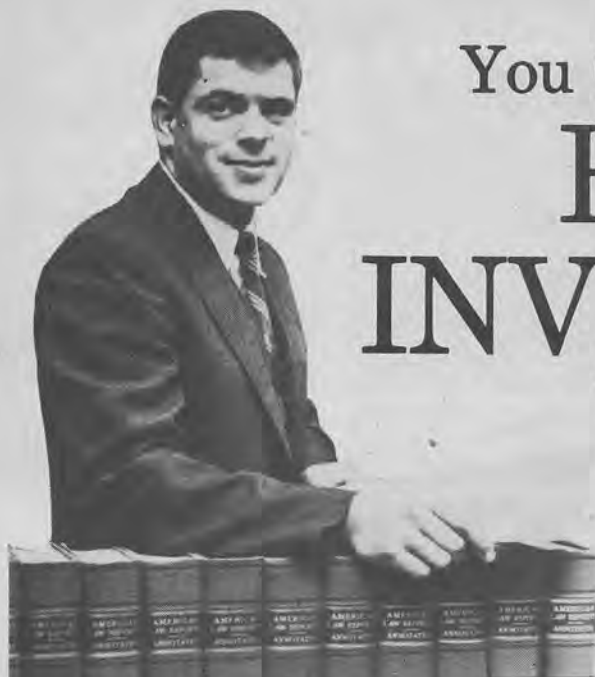
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FROM THE SCOREBOARD

Sirs:

I would like to complement you on your article on Vida Blue ("The Case Against Vida Blue") in the May issue of Pro Sports. There is no doubt that Blue is a very talented youngster, but, I agree that he will not last very long. At the rate he is going he may wind up not playing at all. I wouldn't mind if this money-mad egocentric fireballer ended up playing with the Tokyo Orions.

MARK SEKLECKI

Wethersfield, Conn.

Sirs:

I think John Brodie is great but he can't pass without Gene Washington. Therefore I think there should be more stories on Gene Washington.

WENDELL PARTAIN

Starr, S.C.

Sirs:

As president of a N.Y. Yankee fan club, my members and I would like to congratulate you on a well done job during 1971. You make reading about the four major sports, (baseball, football, basketball, and hockey) very enjoyable. Keep up the good work for 1972!

PHILLIP R. SPRING

President

N.Y. Yankees Fan Club

Denver, Col.

Sirs:

I am starting a fan club for the Ranger's great Brad Park. Anyone wanting to join this club write to ROBERT MARAKOVITS, 50 Walden St., Deer Park, New York 11729. I am also conducting a poll on the N.H.L.'s greatest current players, include two centers, four forwards, four defensive men and two goalies. Half of each from West and the other half from the East.

Sirs:

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P.S. the above goes for the Minnesota Vikings, Boston Bruins, N.Y. Knicks, and Utah Stars.

Sirs:

I feel the most underrated player in football is Lee Roy Jordon. He is my favorite player and I think he rates with Dick Butkus and Willie Lanier.

I would like to see an article on him in your great magazine soon.

I would like to join a Lee Roy Jordon fan club. If anyone knows how I can get into one, please contact me at the following address.

ANDY JACOBS,

316 East King Street,
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Sirs:

I would like some advice on how to start a fan club for the Boston Red Sox and Boston Bruins. Please write to STEPHEN MEYERS, Fort Hill Rd. Gorham, Maine. 04038.

Sirs:

I wish you would print a story on some of the rookies of '72 in pro basketball, like: Clifford Ray, Elmore Smith, Artis Gilmore, and Howard Porter, and some veterans like: Pete Maravick, Bob Love, Jo Jo White, Kareem Jabbar, and Chet Walker and John Johnson.

DAVE PELLEGRONE

Streator, Ill.

Sirs:

I read your magazine regularly and I would like to see an article on Norm Cash of the Tigers. Cash had an outstanding '71 season that saw him hit 32 home runs.

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GARY THOMAS

8027 Quinn
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Sirs:

I really like your magazine, but am surprised not to have heard or seen an article on the best defensive end and tackle ever to play the game. The end being "Deacon" Jones (who was recently traded from the Rams to the Charges) and the great Alan Page of the Vikings who is the N.F.L.'s Most Valuable Players Award winner. I would like to see articles

about them in future PRO SPORTS magazines. Also anyone requesting a write-up on Page I would be happy to send it to you. Just write to,

WILL LANGLEY

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Sirs:

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sito such as pictures, articles, etc., or a fan club on the greatest single season scorer of all-time.

HARRY GANDIA

1654 North Talman
Chicago Ill. 60647

P.S. I'm also conducting a poll to see who is the better between Bobby Hull and Phil Espo-
sito. Send it to the accompanying address. I will truly appreciate it if everyone would co-
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Sirs:

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MIKE MENLOW

189 Nova St.

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Sirs:

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DO AS I SAY!

Just before an early season game with the Red Sox, Minnesota Twins' manager Bill Rigney said he just wanted six good innings or 102 pitches out of Jim Perry, his 35-year-old righthander. Perry responded right on the button, throwing exactly 102 pitches, while notching his 26th career shutout (below).



SCORE

Adolph Rupp, recently retired University of Kentucky basketball coach, while driving through the hills of Kentucky, stopped at a tiny general store to make a purchase. Scrawling his name on a check and then pointing to the signature, he asked the storekeeper: "Do you know who that is?" The old man sleepily looked at Rupp and drawled: "Well, I was hopin' it was you . . ."

COLORFUL BIRDS

Have you seen the Baltimore Orioles in their new orange road uniforms? Like wow! The Orioles actually had those uniforms ready for last year's playoffs and World Series, but never wore them. And who can remember when Charlie Finley's Athletics were ridiculed for wearing "softball" uniforms? The double-knit uniforms seem to be standard now.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

One Perry brother was quite enough for the Boston Red Sox. Now there are two in the American League to torment them.

Jim Perry of the Twins has more victories over Boston than any other active pitcher. He shut out the Bosox recently for victory No. 27.

A few days earlier, the Indians' Gaylord Perry (a newcomer in the A.L. having come over from San Francisco), beat the Red Sox in Boston. Gaylord's brother must have told him the secret.

Ironically enough, both Perrys defeated Sox hurler Marty Pattin.

NAMED

Sidney Wicks (below), 22, of the Portland Trail Blazers, a forward, has been named the NBA's Rookie of the Year. Wicks scored 2,009 points, for a 24.5 average (12th in league). He played his collegiate ball at UCLA.



Center Kareem Abdul Jabbar of the Milwaukee Bucks, who led the league in scoring, having averaged 34.8 points per game, was voted the NBA's Most Valuable Player for the second straight season.

Rookie of the Year in the ABA went to the Kentucky Colonels' center Artis Gilmore, who led the loop in rebounds with a 17.8 average, set a league record for field goal percentage (.598) and averaged 23.8 points a game.

ELIMINATES WEAR AND TEAR

Dick Allen (below), on why he takes as little practice as possible with the Chicago White Sox. "Your body is just like a bar of soap. It gradually wears down from repeated use."



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Two views of golf by famous quarterbacks:

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"The thing never talks back, but it sure acts back."

Lamonic and Sal Bando, the Oakland Athletics' third baseman, finished second in the American Airlines tournament in Puerto Rico. Daryle gave his \$2,500 winnings to a Fresno, California youth fund in order to maintain his amateur standing. He sponsors the Daryle Lamonic Golf Classic at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo, Calif., for the benefit of a youth association.

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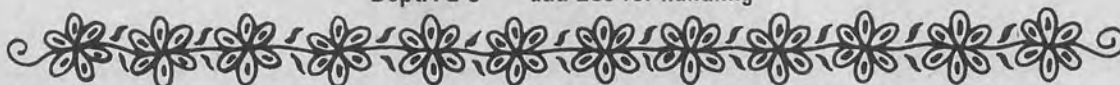


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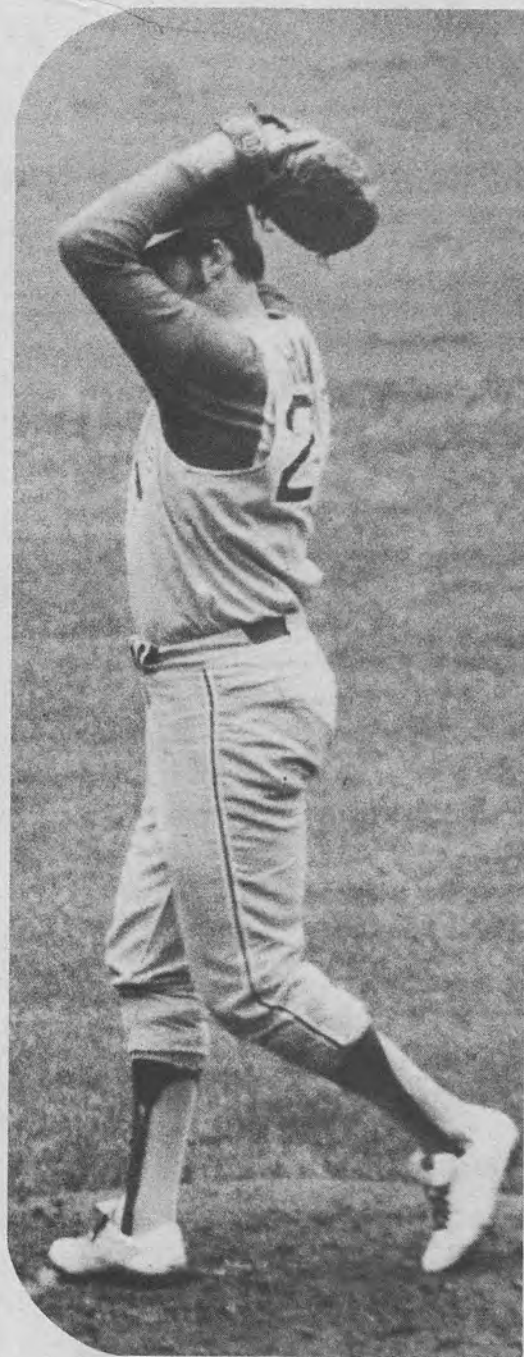
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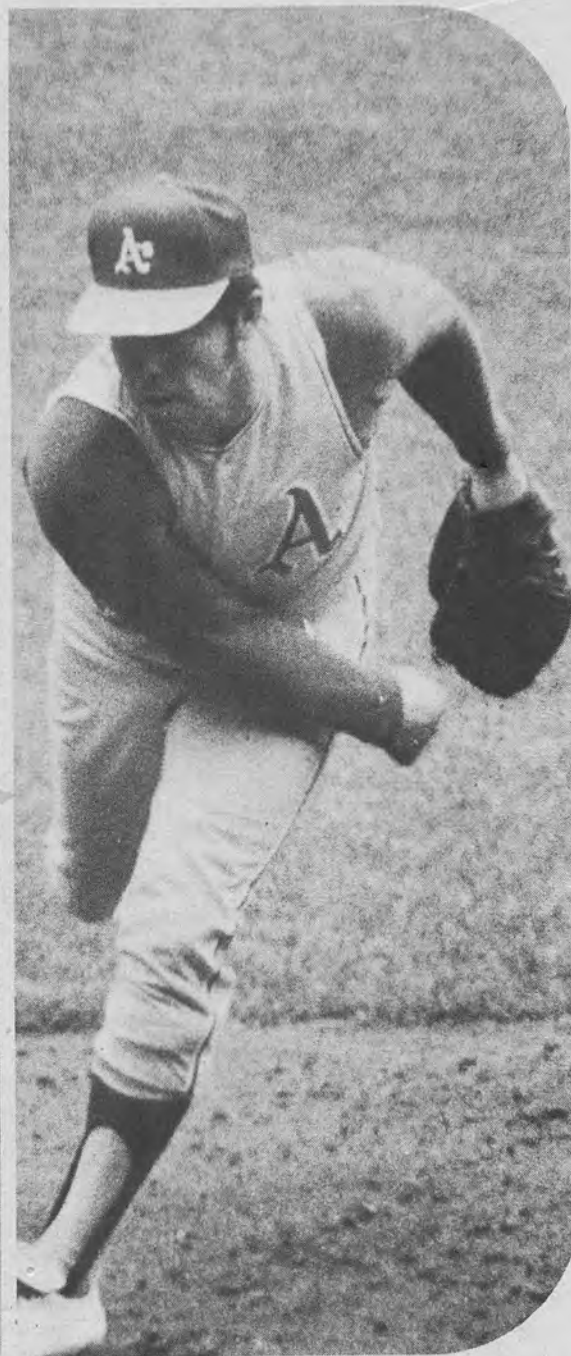
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CATFISH HUNTER- THE OAKLAND STAR NOBODY TALKS ABOUT

Buried under an ocean of Vida Blue ink, the A's right hander goes quietly about his job of being a 20 game winner and batting .350.



Almost lost in the hoopla concerning the love-hate relationship between Vida Blue and Charles O. Finley were the unassuming Catfish's contributions to the club. The right-hander amassed fine 21-11 record. He batted torrid .350.

by JIM SCOTT

While Vida Blue was retiring and making waves in the movie and industrial scene last spring, the Oakland A's were counting their blessings in Catfish Hunter, a 21-game winner and a .350 hitter.

Like George Blanda, the ageless quarterback of the Oakland Raiders, Catfish has something extra going for him. Blanda's career was prolonged because he could kick field goals. Hunter also has that something extra. He can hit. There are times when he provides the batting punch to win his own game for the Oakland A's.

The 6-foot, 194-pound right-

hander probably could make it as a hitter, too, just as Babe Ruth did years ago when he switched from the mound to the outfield. The Catfish is no bomber but he did hit a tidy .350 last season.

The Catfish (his square name is Jim) is unique in other ways. For one thing, he's never played in the minors. For another, he was the first American League pitcher in 46 years to produce a regular season perfect game. And that isn't all. He even has an Oakland street (Catfish Road) named after him.

Catfish became a household name on the baseball front May 8, 1968 when he faced only 27 batters in beating the Minnesota Twins, 4-0. It was the A's first season in Oakland after moving

from Kansas City and the feat commanded extra attention for the club in its turnstile battle with the Giants across the Bay.

Owner Charles Finley gave Catfish a \$5,000 bonus for the perfect, and the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., asked for his uniform and the baseball he used to strike out pinch-hitter Rich Reese for the final out. Catfish gave up his uniform but kept the baseball. Finley also gave Jim's catcher, Jim Pagliarini, a \$1,000 check but Pag was even more surprised when Hunter presented him with an engraved gold watch.

Hunter's 18-14 record in 1970 B.B. (before Vida Blue) represented the most victories by an A's pitcher since the club moved from Philadelphia to KC in 1954

The Catfish then became a 20-game winner last season when he went 21-11. After he had won his 20th contest, Finley offered him a new Cadillac.

Along with his strong arm, Hunter has a good business head. He persuaded Finley to give him money instead and to invest it for him. ("What I really want," says Jim, "is \$100,000 to buy a farm in the rich flat soil Perquimans County, N.C., so I can grow corn, soybeans and peanuts.")

When Hunter signed for this season for \$50,000, Finley said the offer "contained a consideration for his hitting."

Of course, Hunter also is a topflight pitcher who could make it big even if he couldn't hit. For example, take his 19th win last season when he stopped the California Agels, 1-0, on four hits.

With all this going for him, you can only wonder how the agents overlooked Catfish. They make their big killing in participant sports, which better lend themselves to merchandising.

In golf, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer have become millionaires through endorsement of various products. Jean-Claude Killy, the skier, did equally well.

The biggest participation sport of all, of course, is fishing, which is entirely untapped. If you think it has no household name, then you're just not familiar with the Catfish, whose name and hobby are so everlastingly identified with fishing.

"Unfortunately," said Hunter, nobody has even approached me."

Hunter picked up his arresting nickname when he ran away from his Hertford, N.C. home at age 6. When he returned, he brought along a string of catfish.

"I had to come back, mama," he said. "I don't know how to cook them."

Since that day, Jim has been known as Catfish.

Football players start restaurants, appear in movies, endorse products and otherwise coin money in the winter.

Catfish always plans to pick up something through his public appearances each winter around home.

But, as he admits, "I always bomb. I know so many of the folks. I couldn't charge them for hearing me speak."

You gather that Hunter doesn't really mind. Like Tom Sawyer, he enjoys fishing and the outdoors more than the accumulation of money.

An avid hunter, as well as a nimrod, Hunter also stocks the family table in Hertford with venison, quail, doves and rabbits. But, of course, he's more of an authority on fish.

San Francisco, which lost half its baseball public to the A's, when they moved to Oakland, is now taking another blow from Hunter.



"I watch hitters closely in practice to find out where they like to be pitched. Then I go elsewhere," says Catfish (above). The 26-year-old, 194 pounder teamed up with ex-Cub Ken Holtzman (R.) to fill in gap left by absence of Blue. Pair lifted A's into thick of pennant fight. Hunter felt Oakland could take all of the marbles.

The Catfish hit the City where it hurts—in the stomach. It was unintentional, too, Jim being a kind and gentle soul.

San Francisco long has prided itself as being a citadel for the best in seafood.

Well, The Catfish knows more about fish than he does about baseball, of which he knows considerable. In fact, he's a connoisseur of piscatorial delights, a gourmet, though you couldn't tell it by the way he puts the fish away. And his baseball career has taken him into the nation's leading restaurants—and he's been seen often in San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf, as well.

Asked to name the best cities in the U.S. for seafood, he gave this shocking answer:



1. Baltimore
2. Chicago
3. Boston

That's right, no mention of San Francisco, though the Catfish does enjoy fishing in the Bay. He has enchanted his teammates by bringing back such gustatorial delights as a 200-pound sturgeon.

Jim also has enjoyed fish often at Norfolk, only 60 miles from his Hertford, N.C. home. There he particularly enjoys flounders and striped bass.

San Francisco, if displeased by the Catfish's snub of its seafood houses, might counter by saying that Hunter has gone to the dogs.

This would be true, too, for the Catfish is about as fond of dogs as he is of baseball and fish. Back home, his father and brother look after his 18 deerhounds, coonhounds and beagles.

To his apartment in Alameda, Jim brought his poodle, Frosty, plus, of course, his wife, Helen. They now have a 2-year old son, Todd.

Jim and Helen were high school sweethearts in Hertford, where he was the star athlete and she a cheerleader. They were married after the A's 1966 season in Kansas City.

Denied minor league experience, Hunter says he matured rapidly in American Legion ball. He learned how to adjust to travel ("I always ate a big fish dinner at home before leaving. It's brainfood, you know"), hostile crowds and how to handle pressure and how to get along with other people.

The Catfish was a side-arm pitcher during his Legion hitch. He switched to the overhand as a senior in high school after scouts had told him that nobody wanted a side winder.



Hunter has won 77 games in last five years. With Blue (above) not likely to round into pitching shape until mid-season, A's' manager Dick Williams (L.) put burden on "Catfish."



All Jim had then was a curve and a fast ball. When he would try a slow curve, his father, Abbott Hunter, would yell:

"No, no, Catfish. That won't work. Throw hard boy!"

Abbott also was critical of his son's hitting. Sometimes he would say: "You're just not trying. Why I could hit that pitcher myself."

In his formative days, Hunter had a good chance to develop as a hitter for he played shortstop and in the outfield when not pitching.

Catfish has gone for rabbit hunting just like he did fishing. When he was playing Legion ball, he had three beagles

and a foxhound. The woodlands around Hertford throb with wildlife—deer rabbits, geese, ducks and quail—and Jim was always on their trail.

It was on a hunt with brother Pete, when Catfish was 17 that he suffered his only injury. While they were walking through the brush, Pete's shotgun was accidentally discharged. It blasted through Jim's right shoe. He lost the small toe, and the bones on the other toes were broken. There is no feeling today in them. In fact, they still shelter 15 pellets.

"I only feel it when I cut," said the Catfish. "So I try to run in a straight line."

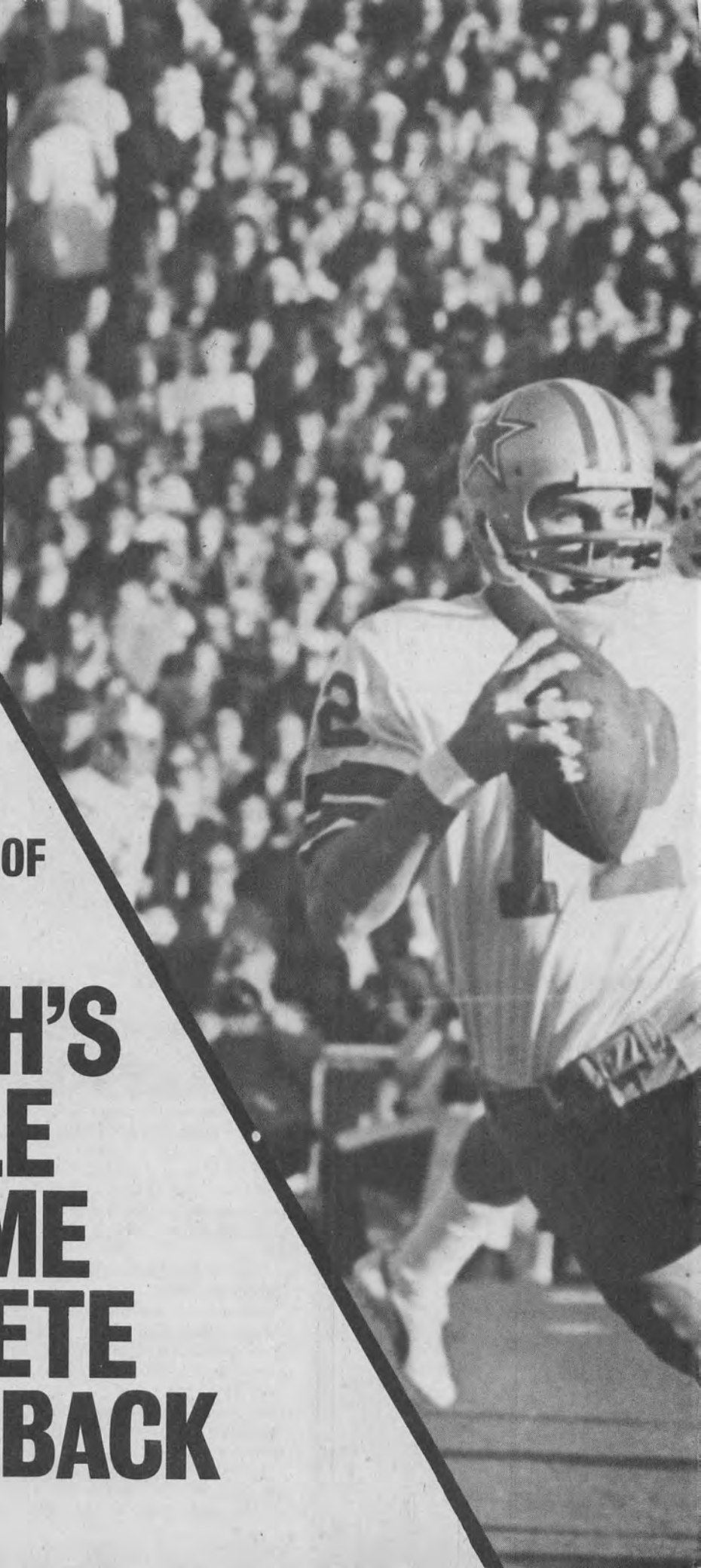
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"I'm not always on the same wave length with Coach Landry," says the Cowboy star. "But we won with the coach calling the plays. Why change a successful formula?"

by CHARLES MOREY

BEHIND THE SCENES OF ROGER STAUBACH'S STRUGGLE TO BECOME A COMPLETE QUARTERBACK



Roger Staubach put the Big D back in Dallas and the chances look bright for the one-time Pride Of the Navy to play a Super Star's role in the National Football League.

We mean, like now. Roger has arrived as a first-class pro quarterback two years ahead of Smiling Tom Landry's timetable. It was supposed to take five years. It only took three. The Dallas Cowboys, the team Roger quarterbacks and Landry coaches, have finally made it to the exclusive winner's circle reserved for Super Bowl Champions.

Roger and the Cowboys are likely to have a long run, either at the top or near the top in professional football. On the eve of a new season they are getting a

high figure from the dopesters looking ahead to the Eastern Division race, the National Conference title and the Super Bowl itself, scheduled for next January in Los Angeles.

The nagging charge that the Cowboys always choke in the big ones was wiped out by the 24-3 victory for Dallas over outclassed Miami in the 1972 Super struggle in New Orleans.

The Staubach Success Story would be incredible for anybody except Roger, who won the 1963 Heisman Trophy in his junior year at Annapolis. He was drafted on the tenth round by Dallas in 1964. Following graduation Staubach did a four-year Navy hitch and in 1969 at the age of 27 became a rookie with

In Dallas two strong minded men have met head-on. And it is the mark of a quarterback's greatness that he has bowed to his coach's decision and still remained the team leader.

Cowboys are quick to point to Staubach's ability as a team leader. Said one, "He doesn't quit. He does by leading and showing and not by talking." Qualities won quarterback Super Bowl MVP award.



In Super Bowl Roger scampered away from Dolphins' Bill Stanfill for short gain. Staubach averaged 8.4 yards per carry during season.

the Cowboys.

Five years, they said. They were wrong. He was understudy to Craig Morton in 1969 and got to throw 47 passes, completing 23. In 1970, again as a reserve to Morton, he pitched the football 82 times and made good on 44. Dallas won three of the four games he started in those two years.

Last year the job was up for grabs between Roger and Craig. Landry shuttled them for a half season, gave Roger the job for good in November, and the Cowboys never lost another game.

Roger, a legendary scrambler—he prefers the word, runner—in college, was the number one passer in the NFL last year. He still managed to get in some running. In fact, he was the number four rusher for Dallas with 343 yards on 41 tries, an average of 8.4 yards a carry. He swiveled in for two touchdowns.

But his passing was eye-catching, even if he did pull the ball down and scramble from time to time. He completed 126 aerials in 211 tries. His percentage of completions was 59.7, topped only by Rob Berry of Atlanta who had a 60.2 but Roger was the runaway champion in fewest interceptions. He had only four passes pilfered for a superb 1.9 percentage. He was fourth in touchdown tosses with 15 and had the highest average gain per passing play, 8.92 yards. His 85-yard bomb to Bobby Hayes against the Giants on December 12th was the longest of the year and produced a touchdown.



Roger's completion mark was second only to Falcons' Bob Berry. Cowboy star registered 126 in 211 tries for a 59.7 season avg.

His performance against Dolphins (below) earned high praise from Miami Coach Don Shula: "Roger is a battler. He has the ability to come out of the pocket when nothing else goes."



Roger's passes gained 1,882 yards and in the involved system of rating forward passers the NFL uses, the aerial Cowboy came out number one.

Although his Cowboy teammates never stopped talking about his leadership qualities, Roger still had to accept the fact that Landry called most of the Dallas plays. After the Super Bowl victory, Roger talked wistfully about the possibility that he might call 'em this year. But he was something less than sensational in the Pro Bowl game in Los Angeles as the National Conference All-Stars were creamed by their American Conference counterparts, 26 to 13. Roger called the plays for half the game as Landry watched grimly from the stands. Roger completed one pass in six tries.

In four years at Annapolis and four more in the Navy, Roger learned to take orders. He lives his life along conservative lines. He is married to the former Marianne Hoobler and they have three daughters. He is the antithesis of the flamboyant quarterback. Roger's hair is neatly cut, there is no mustache, no bad habits, and he is deeply religious.

Roger has a mind of his own, however, and if the Cowboys go all the way again this season, Coach Landry may have to pay a lot of attention to it.

"Coach Landry is authoritarian, a disciplinarian", Roger commented. "I'm not always on the same wave length with him. But I'll do anything he suggests. I'd like to call the plays. But we won with the coach calling the plays. Why change a successful formula?"

Even when a coach calls the plays it's up to a quarterback to play the part of the leader on the field and that's where Staubach shone in the Super Bowl game. It made him the MVP of the game. It also earned him a lot of praise from the disappointed losing coach, Don Shula, of the Miami Dolphins.

"Roger is a winner and a battler", Shula said. "I even think he's going to be better in 1972. He has an ability to come out of the pocket when nothing else shows. He'll do even more when he gets his feet on the ground. I respect him a lot."

Teammate Mike Ditka, one of the shuttling tight ends taking in the plays from Landry, has seen quarterbacks come and go in his eleven seasons of pro football and he's high on Staubach.

"He is just a great leader", Ditka said. "He doesn't quit. He does by leading and showing and not by talking. Quitting never enters his mind. I was happy when he was named MVP in the Super Bowl."

Roger is so intensely competitive that when the Dallas quarterbacks meet with the coaches to go over a game plan, he is capable of going through the entire session without exchanging a word with Craig Morton. The same on the sidelines



So intense is rivalry between Staubach and Craig Morton (14) they seldom talk on field.

during a game. But he was quick with kind words in February when Morton announced he would stay with the club. There had been frequent rumors that Craig would ask to be traded.

"I'm glad Craig will be with us", Staubach observed. He's a good quarterback. He could have been named No. 1 just as easily as I was."

Both men were on an equal footing at the start of the 1971 season. Landry said he was going to use a two-quarterback system and added that he wouldn't hesitate to change quarterbacks in the middle of a game. Dallas won its opening game, beating Buffalo in a wild shoot-out, 49-37, with Morton at quarterback and Staubach on the sidelines with a minor injury. Roger started game number two, against the Eagles, and left early in the game after being clotheslined by Mel Tom. Morton took over and the Cowboys won, 42-7.

Colts' Bubba Smith (78) believes Roger will become as much an NFL institution as Unitas.



Staubach's bid to call his own plays may have received a setback when Dallas Coach Tom Landry watched a less than sensational Pro Bowl performance put on by his star QB.

Then things turned sour. Morton started against the Washington Redskins and Dallas was knocked off, 20-16. The Giants were beaten 20-13 as Roger and Craig split the job but the Cowboys lost five of seven fumbles. Morton started against New Orleans and the Cowboys were run out of town, 24-14, Staubach, getting into action in the second half, pitched two touchdown passes.

Roger went all the way against New England for a 44-21 win but for some reason Landry decided to alternate the two men against the Bears in Chicago. That meant on every play. The Cowboys outgained the Bears, 481 yards to 194, but Chicago won the ball game, 23-19.

Landry had reached a coach's moment of truth and he looked it right in the eye. The Cowboys were two games behind Washington in the Eastern Division of the National Conference and were in real danger of missing the playoffs. In mid-week before the St. Louis game, Landry made his decision.

"From now on", he said, "Roger Staubach is our number one quarterback. It's a shame about Craig. He has worked hard and come all the way back

from two operations. He's as capable as he ever was. But this is the time to make a change. We're on thin ice."

The Cowboys beat the Cardinals, 16-13, as Staubach completed 20 of 31 passes for 199 yards and one touchdown. The following week they winged the Eagles, 20-7, and pulled within a half game of Washington. The Redskins were their next opponent. The game was in Washington.

Dallas won it, 13-0, on two field goals by Mike Clark and a 29-yard touchdown run by Staubach. This was no quarterback sneak. It happened in the first quarter. The Cowboys were on the Redskins 29, third down, six yards to go. Landry sent in Ditka with the play, a slant-in pass to Lance Alworth.

"Bob Hayes and I were both on the left side," said Alworth. "Hayes cleared out the area for me and I cut across the middle. I thought I was open. I mean the defensive backs were behind me, they were chasing me."

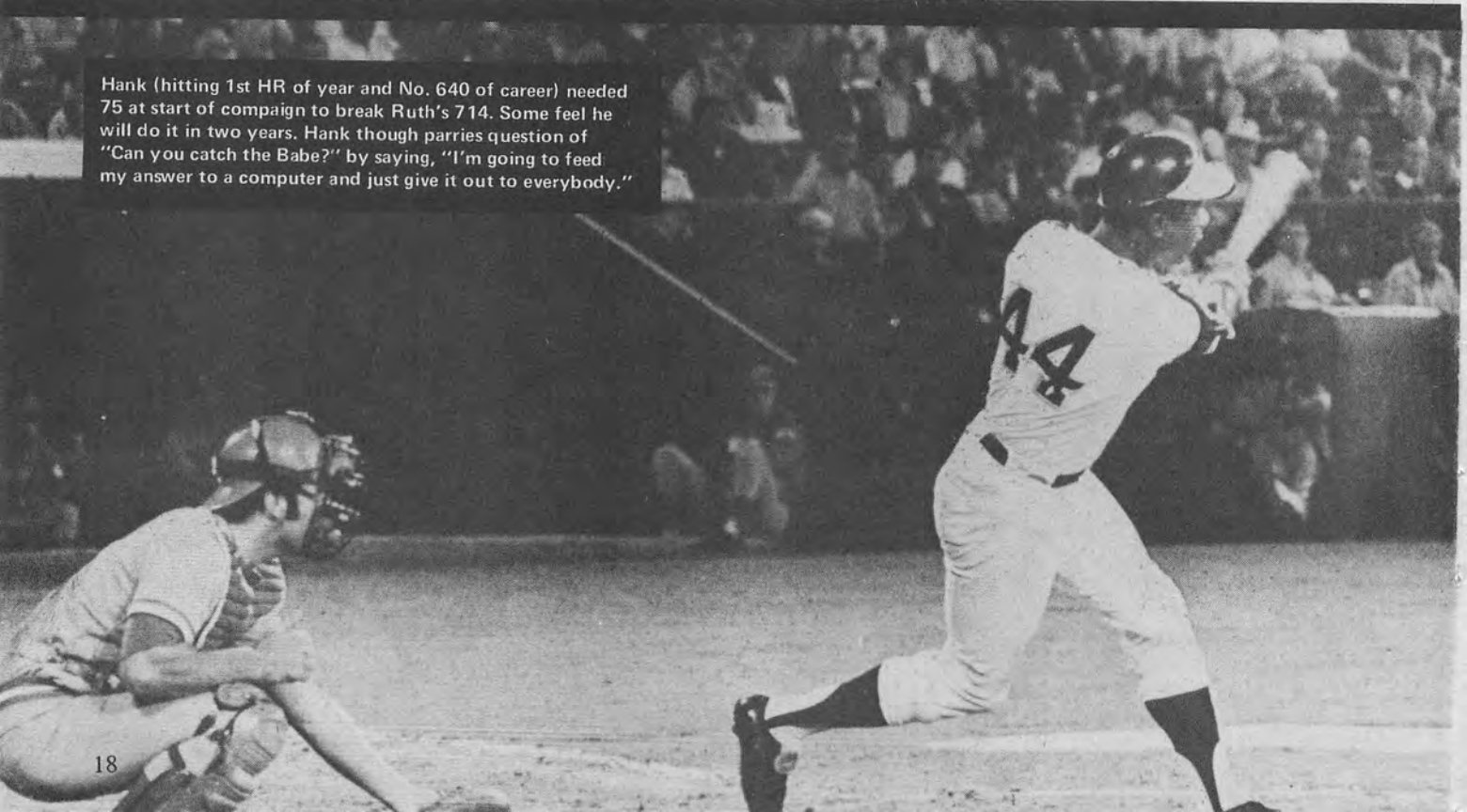
"But I guess Roger didn't see me. He tucked the ball under his arm and took off. I looked back just in time to see Ditka wipe out two guys with a block."

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HANK AARON'S

Hank (hitting 1st HR of year and No. 640 of career) needed 75 at start of campaign to break Ruth's 714. Some feel he will do it in two years. Hank though parries question of "Can you catch the Babe?" by saying, "I'm going to feed my answer to a computer and just give it out to everybody."



The Atlanta slugger's final assault on the Bambino's monumental record will be a mental thing. His real enemies will be the hangers-on rather than rival moundsmen.

by BEN OLAN

Hank Aaron's hair isn't likely to fall out as the Atlanta Braves slugger moves ever closer to Babe Ruth's career record of 714 home runs. He's likely to pull it out, though, with his own two hands.

Aaron, who stands head and shoulders in front of the Babe's other pursuers, emphasizes he won't act like a baby while chasing the Bambino's mark. "I will just have to get a deaf ear, look the other way and not read the paper," he says. "I don't think the pressure will bother me—on the field. Most of it will come from the press. Some people expect me to hit a home run every day."

PLAN TO BATTLE BABE RUTH'S GHOST

Members of the press have been working every day of this strike-delayed 1972 baseball season and those who have come in contact with the Braves' star have been asking the same question: "Can you catch the Babe?" Aaron says now, "I'm going to feed my answer to a computer and just give it out to everybody."

The computer's determination probably would be "Yes, he'll do it... by the end of next season or early in 1974." That means another 15 to 21 months of harassment from baseball writers, radio and television people and fans. "When he gets close to the record," predicts Jim Fanning, general manager of the Montreal Expos, "it's going to be the most exciting thing in sports in our lifetime."

It is indeed going to be exciting... more exciting than Roger Maris' successful 1961 charge on Ruth's one-season record of 60 home runs or Vida Blue's sensational pitching performance

in 1971 which prompted his selection as the American League's Most Valuable Player and Cy Young Award winner.

Yet, Maris and Blue saw red while being constantly pursued by persons from the news media. Both were almost fanatical in their desire for privacy, but their unprecedented efforts sentenced them to six months in a goldfish bowl. Each was unable to keep his head above water emotionally.

Maris was 27 years old and lucky to be a New York Yankee in 1961. He had the world in his hands and it should have been at his feet. He was assured of fame and fortune, and seemed ready for the folk-lore status that brought adulation to such as Stan Musial, Ted Williams, Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle.

But a few things went wrong. While Maris was challenging the Babe's standard, Ford Frick, then commissioner of baseball, was prodded into ruling that Roger would have to hit 61 homers in



"I realize," comments the 38-year-old Aaron, "that if I ever break his record people may not accept me as being a better hitter than Ruth was."

154 games to "break" Ruth's mark, even though the schedule called for 162. This came to be known as the "asterisk" ruling and it tarnished Maris' achievement.

In addition, the race for the record was between Maris and Mantle. In July and August of that '61 campaign, there was an upsurge of sympathy for Mantle, who was more popular and better known. Maris was looked upon as an upstart and a villain. During the closing stages of the race, Maris responded reasonably well to the incessant pressure of publicity. A shy man, usually uncommunicative and stubborn, the left-handed hitting outfielder put on a good front during the ordeal although his inner turmoil was so great his hair started to fall out.

As soon as he hit homer No. 61, Maris felt entitled to return to his shell. That wasn't possible for one who had generated that amount of public interest. He developed running feuds with syndicated newspaper columnists and other writers. "Some people write bad things about me without even talking to me," he complained at the time. "They rip me if I talk or if I don't talk. So I'm not going to say anything."

Five years later, the Yankees rather quietly traded him to the St. Louis Cardinals. After a couple of more years, no one wanted him.

Almost everyone wanted Vida Blue by the All-Star break last season. The Today television show wanted him. The Dick Cavett show wanted him. President Nixon wanted him. All got him—and the pressure got him too. The statistics support that contention. The flame-throwing Oakland southpaw had a 17-3 pitching record with a 1.42 earned run average prior to the All-Star game.

"The last part of the season I was just pooped," he admits. "But it wasn't my arm. It was all that pressure from the publicity. I just couldn't take it mentally."

Early in August, Blue failed for the second time to post his 20th victory. He was despondent in the dressing room, saying, "I'm almost crazy from the pressure. Everybody wants to know if I'm going to win 20. That's where all the pressure is coming from."

In the final month of the campaign, the young pitcher stressed, "I can't even go to a drive-in without getting mobbed. The autographs—first the little kids come. And then the grandmothers show up and say, 'I want your autograph for my little grandchildren.' So I sign and the more autographs I give, the bigger the crowd around me becomes. I'm trapped. At one time I thought the pressure would never get to me. But it did."

While Blue was locked in a salary dispute with Charlie Finley, the A's owner the past spring, Aaron became



Hammerin' Hank, an 18-year-vet, smiles after inking baseball's biggest contract. The Braves' 6', 189 lb. superstar signed \$600,000 pact.



"The pressure's going to be tremendous," says Yank pilot Ralph Houk. "It's the people badgering you. It can get to you. You have to be strong to take it."

the highest paid player in baseball history by signing a three-year contract at \$200,000 a year. At the time, the 38-year-old outfielder needed only 75 homers to match the Babe's career mark.

"What are 75 home runs to Aaron?" suggested Felipe Alou, a Yankee veteran and former Atlanta outfielder. "Aaron could be hitting 20 a year for the next 10 years if he wanted to play that long."

"He'll do it in two years," estimated Claude Osteen, seasoned southpaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers, who had been tagged for 13 of Aaron's home runs. "He's going for home runs more. He waits for the pitch he can hit out. I feel

lucky when I hold him to a single."

However, Hank Aaron's brother, Tommie, who spent portions of seven seasons with the Braves, observed, "There's been no change in his batting stroke. Hank will be taking the same cut up there when he has 713 home runs."

Yet, Hank notes limited, but significant change in spectator sentiment as he moves closer to No. 714. "I am getting letters asking me not to challenge Ruth," he reveals. "They are obviously from older fans who saw him play. They don't want to see Ruth's record fall because they think he as the greatest. There have been some that said I wouldn't have been able to hold Ruth's jacket when he played. They are sending figures, statistics to me about Ruth, showing what he did."

"I realize that if I ever break his record people may not accept me as being a better hitter than Ruth was."

There are many—probably the majority—who think the relatively undynamic Aaron has not been as brilliant an all-around player as Willie Mays. Willie went into the present season with 646 career homers, seven more than Aaron, but he was given little chance of eclipsing Ruth's mark because he is 41 years of age plus the fact that Aaron hit 100 more homers than he did over the previous six years.

"I think Willie is a great player, but if he had played in Milwaukee and Atlanta like I did he wouldn't have gotten all the publicity he did," Aaron says about the colorful Mays, who has spent almost 21 major league years with the Giants in New York and San Francisco. "I don't



"What I don't want it to come to," says Henry of the record attempt, "is the point where the team loses and I hit a home run and everything focuses on me. I don't want that."

think I have to take a back seat to anyone with a bat in my hand. When I came up with the Braves we had a team that could do everything. So I didn't run the bases. That wasn't the way we played."

Hank Aaron almost came up with the Giants. "Hank was only 18 and was playing for the Indianapolis Clowns (a Negro team) when we had an option to buy his contract for \$10,000," remembers Donald Davidson, still the Braves' traveling secretary. "John Quinn was our general manager then and he had to remind our farm director, John Mullin, that time was running out on that option and that the Giants were interested in Aaron. Mullin picked up that option only minutes before it was due to elapse."

Davidson recalls that it was about two years later, at the Braves' spring camp at Bradenton, Florida that he met Aaron for the first time. "He was just a shy kid," Davidson says, "but he was smart enough to feel his way around. We all noticed this about him in the early days."

"Hank's first home run as a Brave came in an exhibition game with the Red Sox in Sarasota. Ted Williams came out from under the stands when he heard the crack of the bat and asked who had just hit. 'Some kid named Aaron' was the reply. 'Remember that name,' Williams suggested. 'You're going to be hearing it often.'" It began being heard often in 1955, Hank's second year with the Braves in Milwaukee, when he slammed 27 home runs, drove in 106 runs and batted .314. Later, he hit



"When you're 38 you're always a little sore," explains Henry about his general health. "Your reflexes are a little slower and the kids can throw harder."

40 or more homers five times, including last season's career high of 47.


Aaron has more hits, more total bases, more doubles, more runs batted in, more extra base hits, a higher lifetime batting average and a higher lifetime slugging percentage than Mays.

He has been extremely fortunate, though. "I'm not taking anything away from Henry Aaron," explains Ted Williams, now manager of the new Texas Rangers. "You have to be a great hitter to hit that many home runs and he is a great hitter. But you have to have things going your way, too. Aaron has had things going his way. He never had any

serious injuries that kept him out a long time. He never lost any time because of military service. And he's been playing in the right ballpark." Mays missed one full season and parts of two others while in the military. They should have been his most productive years. Williams, who finished with 521 home runs, missed five seasons because of service commitments. Otherwise he might have challenged the Bambino's record.


Atlanta Stadium is a home run park with its dimensions of 330-400-330. For example, there were 186 homers hit there last season, tops in the National

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Of the 500 1972 grads who go to camp, only 100 will stick. Here is a team by team rundown of pro scouting reports on the NFL's hottest young prospects.

Auburn's Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan (7) found himself Falcon's second choice in the draft. Terry Beasley, a favorite Sullivan target (right) was snapped up by the 49ers. Among the experts, Beasley is given an even better chance than Sullivan to make it big in the pros. He caught 143 passes for 29 TD's in college.



Penn State's hard running back, Franco Harris (34) received the nod over Lydell Mitchell from the Steelers. Harris at 225 lbs. is thought to be more durable.

by PAUL DONLEY

WHO WILL be the John Brockington of 1972? Is Walt Patulski really the Pick of last year's college crop? Did the pros goof by passing up Ed Marinaro in the first round? Can Pat Sullivan make it in the National Football League? Will Bill Thomas become The Thomas with the Cowboys?



Oregon's Bobby Moore (23) has pro scouts turning back clock to days of Lenny Moore for a comparison. He could be rookie of year. Cardinal book on him notes great moves, soft hands, break-away speed and good blocking. He'll do plenty of ball handling.



Notre Dames' Clarence Ellis (upside down) figures to be a regular at free safety for the Falcons. He had 14 collegiate interceptions for the Fighting Irish and should enable Ray Brown to move to strong safety.

This is "Put up or shut up" time in the pro ranks. The All-American campaigns by the friendly college press agent don't mean a thing in the cold light of a new dawn. Bulging scrap books don't help when they run the rugged nutcracker drill on a steaming afternoon in training camp. The ever-loving alumni have turned into cynical "What have you done for me lately?"

RATING PRO FOOTBALL'S ROOKIE CROP

realists who demand Super Bowl performance for their ticket dollars.

The difference between the campus and the professionals with their dog-eat-dog training workouts, prolonged pre-season schedule and wearisome 14-game season is a difficult hurdle for many college stars. The normal ratio is for about 100 of the 500 or more rookies who go to camp in July to survive the final cutdown date. Each year there is a last round surprise who prevails, a free agent who makes the grade to make up for the high draft pick who packs it in after one brutally savaged "welcome to the NFL" tackle.

When the pros finished checking their computers and huddling with their high-paid scouts they went heavily for defense in the January draft. The first two picks were defensive ends—Walt Patulski of Notre Dame and Sherman White of California. After the first seven rounds, presumably the cream of the crop in the 17 round draft, the score was 93 for the defense to 85 for the offense, plus four kicking specialists. As they dug deeper into the stockpile of



Mike Taylor's (33) experience at both middle and outside line-backing assignments at Michigan will add flexibility to Jets' defense. Taylor made most All-Americans.

At 6'6" and 250 pounds, Notre Dame's Walt Patulski proved the number one pick in the entire draft. Buffalo grabbed him to bolster their defense. He's slated to start at end.



The big question is whether Ivy League graduate Ed Marinaro (44) has the credentials to survive cuts. All this despite his 4,715 yards gained as a running back at Cornell U.

available talent, the offense gradually edged out front. At the end of two days, the final score of the 442 players was 224 offense, 208 defense and 10 kickers.

The philosophy of the pro draft varies with the club's overall planning. Some teams always select on the theory of taking "the best athlete available" and then trying to fit him into their pattern. Others seek to bolster a specific area by drafting an outstanding collegian they feel can be counted on as a starter.



Larry Jackson of Nebraska (75) shown here putting pass rush on Auburn's Pat Sullivan in Senior Bowl game, played defensive tackle in College. However, Giants' Coach, Alex Webster, welcoming Jackson above, sees the 6' 6", 260 pound lineman as replacing Fred Dryer at defensive end.



Because he's a drop back passer, Florida's John Reaves (7) must be taken seriously as a pro. Eagle rookie eclipsed Jim Plunkett's collegiate yardage mark; tossed for 54 TD's.

Because the Buffalo Bills lost 13 games, gave up 394 points and finished last in the AFC in defense, they felt a crying need for defensive line strength. As the team with the worst record in the NFL the Bills used their No. 1 pick to take Patulski, the 6-6, 260-pound giant from Notre Dame. Whether Patulski was the best college football player in the nation was beside the point. The Bills felt Patulski was the best college player for their specific need.

When it comes time to vote for the "Rookie of the Year" awards in Decem-

ber the more spectacular performer usually gets the nod. It is most difficult for a defensive lineman to make the eye-catching play unless he is able to smear the quarterback consistently before a network TV audience. His chance of gaining recognition is less than a linebacker who can be in on every defensive play or a cornerback or free safety who can pick an interception and scamper for a touchdown.

For the same reason that quarterback or ball carriers usually get the nod in the "most valuable player" voting, the same positions often hog the spotlight for the "rookie" awards. Lionel Antoine, the big boy from Southern Illinois who was the Chicago Bears No. 1 pick, may very well turn out to be an all-pro offensive tackle but his chances of attracting attention are much less than a runner, quarterback or pass receiver.

Keeping in mind the obvious handicaps under which the linemen labor it is wise to look elsewhere when attempting to rate the players who will be noted for awards at the end of the season.

There is no reason to believe the Buffalo Bills made a mistake in evaluating Patulski as their answer to a need for more pass rush and stronger defense against the run. Rookie of the year honors, however, usually go to the flashy men who put points on the board.

With an eye on both the actual potential of the pro rookies and their chances of capturing attention by their spectacular play the editors of PRO SPORTS have compiled a rating of the top 10 recruits in both offense and defense. Injuries in training camp, pre-season games and regular season play are



Place Kicker Bill McClard of Arkansas set NCAA Mark by scoring 212 points in college. His acquisition by Chargers will free Dennis Pardee to concentrate on his punting.

sure to force drastic changes but injuries cannot be predicted in advance.

The offensive crop may shape up like this:

1. Bobby Moore, Oregon running back receiver, St. Louis.
2. John Reaves, Florida quarterback, Philadelphia.
3. Terry Beasley, Auburn, receiver, San Francisco.
4. Jerome Barkum, Jackson State receiver, New York Jets.

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Joe Torre, last season's MVP, is this year's VIP on the St. Louis Cardinals, the very important player who will have to lead the Redbirds in their bid for an Eastern Division title and a possible National League pennant.

The one-time Brooklyn Balloon, now a streamlined slugger, will have to set the pace at the plate, do his share in the field, and keep his teammates on the up-beat all season long. He will have to lead by example and take charge verbally when that is called for.

It's the kind of thing that packs pressure and has been known to wear down even the stoutest hearts and toughest competitors. But Torre welcomed the challenge and responsibility that goes with it.

"I know the guys are looking to me to get the big hit," he said. "I can't get down on myself just because they are watching. We have the kind of hitters that will get on base a lot this year. It's my job to drive them in."

Joe's eyes were on the distant horizon, far beyond any personal goals, when the season began on April 15th, ten days late because of the player strike. He was talking pennant, something that has eluded the Cardinals the last three years.

"I said all winter I'd trade the silver bat for a series ring", he observed on opening day. The silver bat is the traditional Louisville Slugger prize that went to Joe for his fabulous season in 1971 which resulted in his being named a runaway winner of the Most Valuable Player Award in the National League.

Joe hit .363 last year and made 230 hits while driving in 137 runs. All three figures were tops not only in the National League but in the Majors. He also topped both circuits in total bases with 352.

His whittled-down waistline was given most of the credit for the big season, a high protein diet reducing him from 228 pounds to 200. It certainly played its part but Joe also singled out something else, the added responsibility that came his way when the Cardinals dealt Richie Allen to the Los Angeles Dodgers after the 1970 season.

"With Allen gone I had even greater responsibility and I concentrated better than I ever had", Joe said. "In fact, I found myself concentrating so well that late in the season when my wife had a distracting project in mind I snapped at her that if she waited two more weeks I'd do anything she wanted."

Last season was the first time Joe really had the responsibility that goes with being the pacemaker. He joined the Cardinals in 1969 after spending eight years with the Braves, the first five in Milwaukee and the last three in Atlanta.

THE INSIDE STORY OF JOE TORRE'S NEW REDBIRD ROLE



He won his MVP for his hitting prowess. But his real contribution to the Cards was shown in a very private workout in St. Petersburg, Fla.



Torre (L.) sees his value to the Cardinals coming in driving in runs rather than going for the long ball. His glove work at hot corner has been almost overlooked. Still it has been the subject of rave notices from no less an expert than Ken Boyer who comments on Joe's ability to charge topped balls and go to his left. Boyer compares Torre to Brooks Robinson.



The Braves dealt him to the Cards for Orlando Cepeda.

Joe had always been in the long shadow thrown by Hank Aaron when he wore a Brave uniform. "When I played for the Braves", he recalled, "the real pressure was always on Aaron. When he didn't get a hit in a big situation the whole bench would deflate."

In 1969, Joe's first season with the Cardinals, he was too new to take charge and in 1970 Allen was on the scene for his customary one-year stand before moving on. But last year Torre was something else as a ballplayer. He bullied the pitchers all year, never hitting less than .324 in any one month. He was so consistent that it sounds like a mathematical impossibility. He batted .363 against righthanded pitching and .362 against the southpaws.

The big year and the MVP award earned Joe a big raise for 1972 and 1973 but not without a fight. He had to hold out for a time to get the contract he

During the player strike Joe organized a little group of Cardinals and staged workouts in St. Petersburg, Florida. The other players were all pitchers and to Joe's amusement and chagrin he had to do some catching. The mask and mitt were his original baseball equipment and he still used them in as many as 90 games in 1970.

Last season, however, he was a full-time third baseman and played all of his 161 games at the hot corner. He is believed to be the only man ever to be named to the All-Star team as a catcher and third baseman.

During his workouts in St. Pete while the strike was on, Joe used a first baseman's glove to warm up the Cardinal pitchers, Reggie Cleveland, Moe Drabowsky, Joe Grzenda and Jerry Reuss, who was traded by the St. Louis club at the start of the season to the Houston Astros.

Joe said the workouts were just to keep the edge the players had built up



Joe rates Expos' Bill Stoneman (A.) single toughest hurler for him. In 1971 he managed only two hits off Bill in 15 times at bat.



Torre has developed warm friendship with Card ace Bob Gibson (above) whose dugout putdowns help to maintain club's morale.

wanted, a two-year agreement which will give him \$130,000 this season and \$150,000 next year. His good season in 1971, when he hit .325 and batted in 100 runs, had boosted him to the \$100,000 level.

"A funny thing", said Joe, "but not too many people knew I had been in the \$100,000 class before this year. So much had been written about my weight that I heard nothing else but questions about poundage. But I really got put down during the early part of the spring when I was running laps.

"A kid rode up on a bicycle. He asked me if I was a ballplayer. He wanted to know what team I was with and I told him. He asked me my name and I told him that. Then he wanted to know my position. I told him I played third base. Know what he did then? He said: 'I met a player named Russ Snyder once.' Then he rode off. I sure felt famous."

in the previous month and added... "I'll be ready for the start of the season. I did 15 wind sprints today and I'm not going to throw that away. I'll stay in shape."

Great hitters have a lot of confidence, they simply have to believe that a pitcher is lucky to get them out at any time. Torre has arrived at the lofty plateau. On one occasion last year he had a grim competitor like Bob Gibson shaking his head in disbelief. Joe tells the story on himself.

"One night in Philadelphia", he said, "I got hits my first two times up. The third time I popped up on a pitch I really should have hit hard. I normally don't show emotion after making out but this time I was mad. I sat down next to Gibson and growled that I should have had a third hit.

"Bob looked at me in amazement and asked if I thought I should get a hit every time up. When I told him yes, all



Off season commitments cut into Torre's time with daughter Lauren (A.). Much sought as a dinner speaker, '71's NL MVP logged 35,000 miles on rubber chicken route.



Joe is only man ever to be named to All-Star team as a catcher and third baseman (top, Joe runs down Bucs' Manny Sanguillen). Last year he played all of his 161 games at hot corner. Big season and MVP award earned Torre huge raise for '72-'73. Two year agreement will give him \$130,000 this season and \$150,000 next year.

he could do was shake his head. Bob is the greatest. He is fabulous on the bench. He keeps everybody up. He needles you, corrects you, challenges you to do better. When he was on the disabled list for a month we missed him on the bench almost as much as on the mound." Torre has great respect for his teammates and has the highest praise for Lou Brock, the flying left fielder. He says he would have voted for Brock for MVP last year if he had a ballot.

Brock has just as much respect for Torre, as illustrated by the little scene in spring training this March. Brock was simulating leads off third base during batting practice and Torre just happened to be the man at the plate. Brock was showing how he might be able to steal home when Torre nailed a line drive down the third base line that sent Lou into a nose dive to escape the ball.

Lou got up, dusted himself off, and told his grinning teammates... "I'd have had home stolen on that play but the problem is my head would have been in left field."

That kind of hit, of course, is Torre's trademark. There is no question about the fact that the trend toward artificial

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by MAURY ALLEN

WHAT YOGI BERRA MUST PROVE TO HIMSELF

Haunted by the clubhouse intrigues which spelled disaster for him at Yankee Stadium, the Met skipper faces the toughest battle of his career—pinch hitting for the field leader the team wanted.

Yogi Berra walked into a Miami restaurant with his wife, Carmen, and some friends on Easter Sunday and was asked by a waiter, "Did you hear the news?"

"No. Is the strike over?"

The Major League Baseball Players Association had just called a strike and Berra had left the Mets spring training stop in West Palm Beach for dinner in Miami because all games had been cancelled for the weekend.

"Not that," said the waiter, "Gil Hodges is dead."

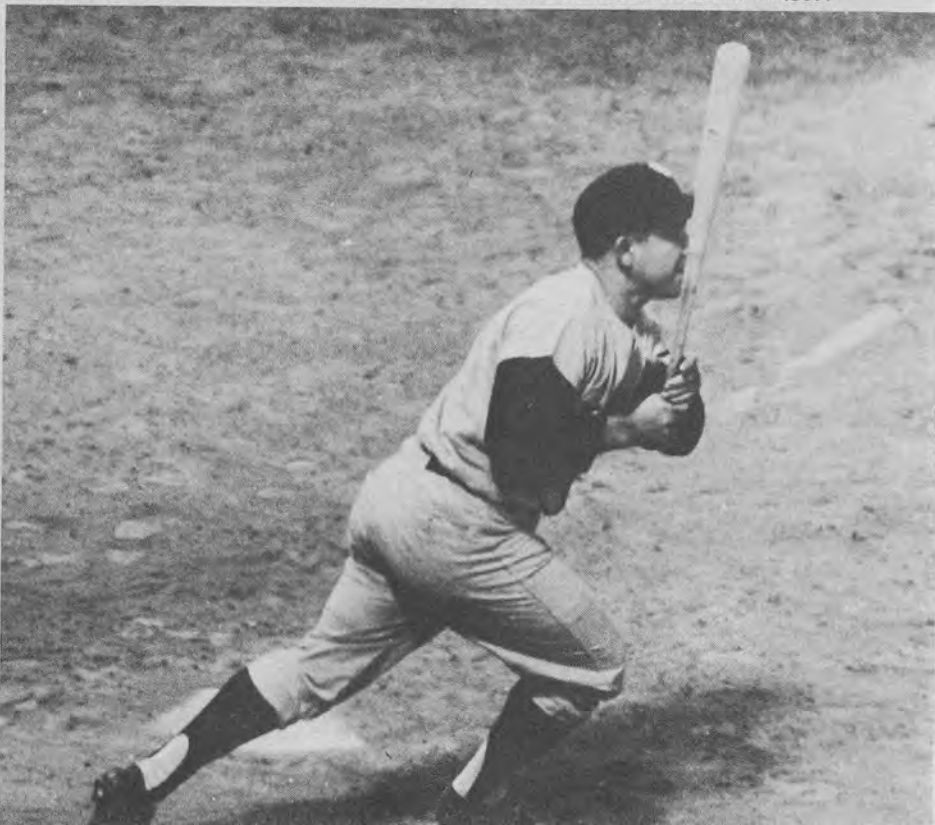
The news was a crushing blow to the squat Met coach, who had grown close to Hodges in their working association of more than four years.

"I was stunned," said Berra. "I just sat there and I couldn't believe it. I had left him at the hotel that morning and he seemed in perfect health."

Hodges had played 27 holes of golf with his other coaches, Rube Walker,

Joe Pignatano and Eddie Yost, and had returned to the Ramada Inn at 5:15. The Mets were to leave for New York the next morning by charter flight to await strike developments and the start of the season. As the manager of the Mets walked across the concrete walk outside the hotel, he was struck down by a massive heart seizure and collapsed on the street. Despite frantic efforts by the coaches and quick action by local fire, police and ambulance squads and

From '46 to '62 Berra was exceptional backstop with Yankees, helping them to 13 pennants. Best year at Bat (r.) was '54 when he hit .307.





Yogi (above, left and below), on his second try to managing, inherits potential pennant winning ball club, strengthened by acquisition of Rusty Staub (center, next to Mets GM Bob Scheffing) who hit .311 with 19 HR, and 97 rbi from Montreal last season, and the great Willie Mays, acquired in May.

instant action at the Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach. Hodges was pronounced dead at 5:45 p.m. At that instant Berra was driving to Miami. The news hit the air shortly after 7 p.m. Berra walked into the restaurant shortly after 7:30 p.m.

"Once I got over the initial shock," said Berra, "I had to start thinking about who would succeed Gil."

Less than four days later the announcement was made at the naturally subdued press conference in the clubhouse at Shea Stadium. Yogi Berra had been named the manager of the Mets to succeed Gil Hodges.

"We lost a good man," Berra said. "I hope I can fill his shoes."

Berra not only inherited a potential winning club—strengthened only minutes before by the acquisition of Rusty Staub—but also inherited a sackful of problems.



To understand Berra's plight, one must turn the clock back some eight years.

From 1946 through 1962 Berra had been an exceptional catcher with the Yankees helping them to 13 pennants. At the end of 1962 general manager Roy Hamey of the Yankees decided to retire. Owner Dan Topping asked him to stay on one more year while manager Ralph Houk was groomed for his position. Who would succeed Houk as field manager of the Yankees? Topping, with Houk's grudging support, named Berra. It would be kept a secret as Berra played the 1963 season and doubled as a coach. Late in 1963 the news leaked out and Berra's long-time teammates, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford, Elston Howard, Tony Kubek, Bobby Richardson and Ralph Terry took it as a big joke. There were gags almost every day about Berra's managerial possibilities



Ex-Yankee and Met pilot Casey Stengel (A.), when he managed Yogi, called him "My assistant manager." In '64 Berra (L.) piloted Yanks to flag, was fired and became Met coach.

through the final days of the 1963 season. There was even more laughter when the speculation became a fact on October 24, 1963.

Yogi just didn't seem the type to manage. He was a short stocky man with less than Rock Hudson looks and an ability to maul the English language as hard as he did a fastball. His very appearance created humor. He once showed up at Yankee Stadium in 1946 in a Navy uniform after being released from service. His appearance prompted sportswriters to say his squat body was deceptive for a ball player.

"Not only didn't he look like a ball player," said clubhouse man Pete Sheehey, "He didn't look like a sailor."

Berra's witticisms, both uttered and invented, had filled the pages of the newspapers for years.

Third baseman Bobby Brown, Yogi's roommate, was studying to be a doctor. One late night Brown was studying an anatomy book as Yogi read a comic book. They finished together and shut out the hotel room light.

"How did you come out?" Yogi asked.

Once being honored with a day in his native St. Louis, Yogi thanked the fans and ended his speech by saying, "Thank you very much for making this day necessary."

Born in an Italian section of St. Louis known as Dago Hill, Berra grew up with a minimum of education. He left school at 15 to work in a shoe

Yogi, a Met coach (below) for seven years, gained enormous managerial know-how under tutelage of Stengel and Gil Hodges who brought Miracle Mets World Championship in '69.



factory. When his friend, Joe Garagiola, was signed by the Cardinals for \$500, Berra tried for the same. The Cardinals would offer only \$250. Berra waited until another club, the Yankees, would match Joe's \$500.

He reported to Norfolk in 1943 and returned from the Navy to join the Yankees in 1946 after a .314 season at Newark. Bill Dickey was finishing out

Bombers in hopes of restoring some of the lost warmth to the Yankees and getting some fans back to the Bronx.

The Yankees, with Mantle, Maris, Cleve Boyer, Joe Pepitone and some others giving less than their very best for Yogi, got off poorly. They blew four straight to Chicago in August.

On a hot afternoon, stuck in traffic, sitting on a smelly bus on the way to

carried the pride of the Yankees on his sleeve, sided with the manager. The rest of the players sort of sat on the bus and snickered.

What Linz and Berra were not aware of at that very instant was the fact that Yogi Berra's fate as the manager of the Yankees had been solved. He was gone.

Tony Kubek had gone to general manager Ralph Houk and complained about the way the club was getting away from Berra. Several players were drinking heavily and staying out late.

"Especially," said Linz, "those players who had been his teammates and friends."

Kubek and Bobby Richardson, the heart of the malted milk brigade, were upset at the goings-on of their teammates. Houk told Kubek he would investigate. He decided to take a road trip with the Yankees, watched events develop, talked to the players and reported to owner Dan Topping.

"We'll fire him at the end of the season," said Topping.

When Berra won the pennant with the addition of Mel Stottlemyre on the team in August and Pedro Ramos in September, Topping refused to be moved.

"My mistake," he later said, "was not in firing Berra but in hiring him in the first place."

The day after the series ended and Johnny Keane's Cardinals had defeated the Yankees with Bob Gibson winning the final and Linz hitting two HRs off Gibson, Berra walked into Topping's Manhattan apartment.

"I believed I was there to receive a new contract offer," Yogi said.

Instead, he received his pink slip. At that very moment Keane was resigning as St. Louis manager because Owner Gussie Busch had sounded out Leo Durocher for the job in August while the Cardinals were slumping. Rumors persisted that Keane knew he had the Yankee job when he died less than two years after being hired and fired as manager of the Yankees. Houk succeeded him.

Berra, in the meantime, caught on with the Mets under Stengel as first base coach.

"My job," he once told Whitey Ford, "is to pat the players on the behind and steer them toward second base."

Stengel broke his hip in July and was forced to retire. "Wes is the fella," he said, in anointing Wes Westrum as Mets manager and passing over Yogi. Berra stayed on as coach. He was again rehired when Hodges was named manager of the Mets on October 11, 1967.

When Hodges died suddenly, Berra was called in Miami and met with Mr. Donald Grant, chairman of the board of the Mets and general manager Bob Scheffing the next morning and offered the job.

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Familiarity with players spelled doom for Yogi as Yankee pilot. "Here he won't be managing his friends," says Mets first baseman Ed Kranepool. "It will be a different situation."

his brilliant career and was named a Yankee coach in 1947. His first assignment was to work with Berra.

"Dickey," said Yogi, "learned me all his experience."

Berra "learned" the experience so well that he joined Dickey in the Hall of Fame with his election this past January 19.

When Casey Stengel managed the Yankees he called Yogi, "My assistant manager." Stengel left the Yankees after the 1960 World Series defeat to the Pirates, sat out the 1961 season and became the manager of the infant New York Mets in 1962. By 1964, the Mets were still a terrible team but people were jamming their new ball park at Shea Stadium.

Berra, the laughable but lovable Yankee, was named manager of the Brown

the airport, utility infielder Phil Linz pulled out a harmonica and began playing "Mary Had A Little Lamb." The strains of the children's song exploded on the bus. Berra leaped up, told Linz to stop, and sat down. Linz played another piece of the song and Berra marched to the back of the bus.

"Take that harmonica and shove it," Berra said.

"Here, if you want it," Linz said, "take it."

He then threw the harmonica at Berra. Yogi missed it and fired it back at Linz. It missed and hit Joe Pepitone on the knee, forever enshrining Pepitone's knee.

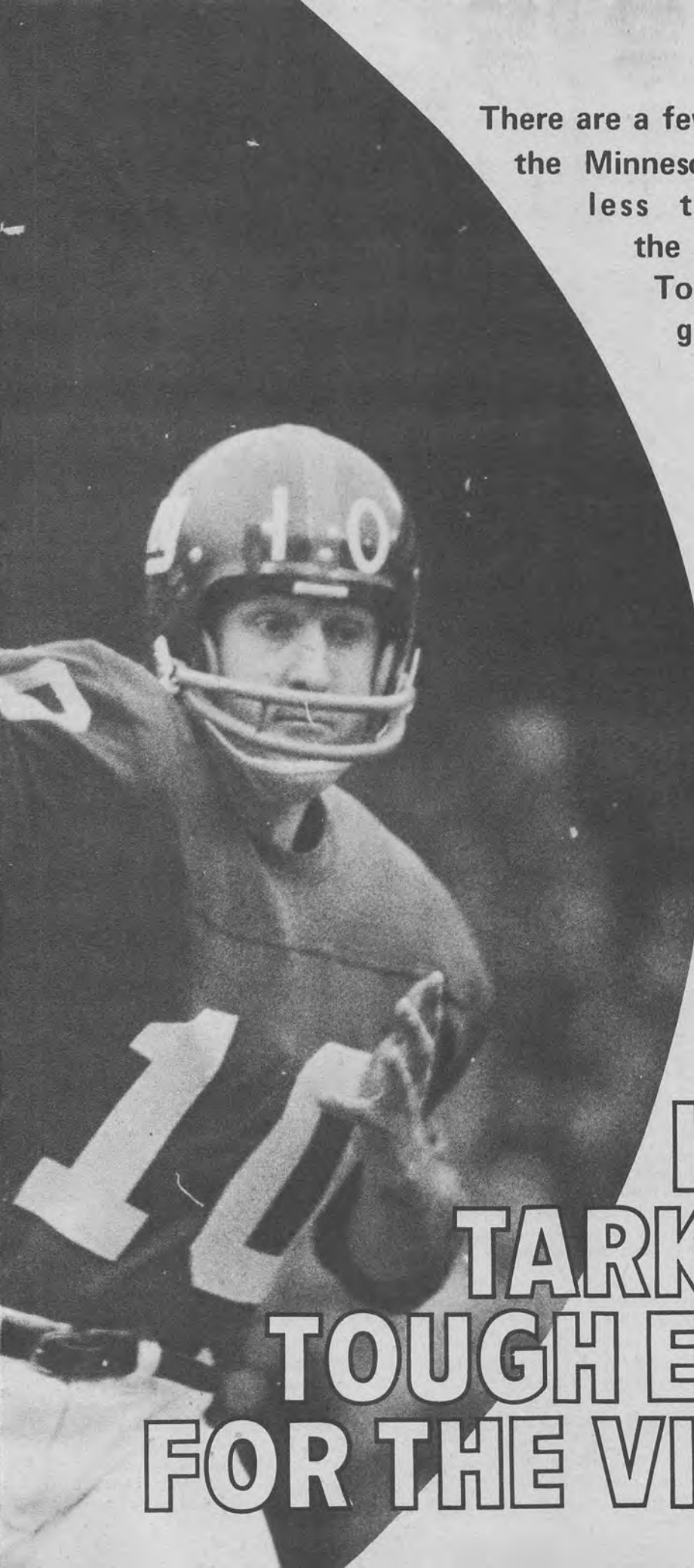
"Why are you getting on me?" Linz asked. "There are a lot of other guys on this club who weren't hustling."

While Linz and Berra shouted at each other, only coach Frank Crosetti, who



In 11 seasons Fran has thrown 216 TD passes (R.). He is the only man in history of game who has completed more than 2,000 passes and rushed for more than 3,000 yds. His rushing total is 3,019 yards. Minnesota coach Bud Grant (above with Tar-kenton at news conference) welcomed trade by stating, "Francis will give us versatility. He throws the ball well from the pocket and he also can roll out and throw it." The 6', 190 lb. QB is a scrambler (L.), but whether coach Grant, with his type offense, will give Fran free reign is yet to be seen. Last year with Giants he ran 30 times for 11 yards and three TDs.





There are a few rumblings coming from the Minnesota camp which indicate less than universal joy over the return of the Scrambler. To quiet them, Fran must guide the Vikes to a Super Bowl victory.

by LEE ANDRE

Fran Tarkenton, something less than great but something more than good as a quarterback, will have to grapple with his toughest challenge this season, his 12th as a pro. There'll be no scrambling this time. Francis is nose to nose with a must.

He will be asked to play the part of the cool, commanding field leader, tough, smart and resourceful enough to take the Minnesota Vikings to their first Super Bowl championship.

That's the least expected of Fran in his second time around with the Minnesota Monsters. The Viking front office and coaching staff are hoping, with fingers crossed, by the way, that he can do it. The Minnesota fans will root loudly for him, especially if he wins. The players will block and tackle with their usual head-hunting zeal but are likely to have reservations on the subject until Tark proves he's a championship quarterback.

You might wonder why the Minnesota front office okayed the deal last winter that returned Tarkenton to the

IS FRAN TARKENTON TOUGH ENOUGH FOR THE VIKINGS?

Vikings after they had quit on him five years ago and shipped him to New York. (Fran played the first six seasons of his pro career at Minnesota, the next five at New York.)

The answer is that it was a calculated risk, a throw of the football dice. The Viking brain trust decided that last year's troika of quarterbacks, Gary Cuozzo, Norm Snead and Bob Lee, would not do. They decided to take a chance that Tarkenton had become more mature, less skittery, more knowledgeable and most of all hungrier than he had been five years ago. Fran is burning to prove he can win a title.

Using the words now or never for a guy like Tarkenton is risky. His specialty always has been scrambling out of tough situations. But inevitably they come to mind for Francis in this year 1972. He is moving from an in-and-out football team, the Giants, to one of the great defensive clubs of all time.

The Vikes will expect him to make the offensive unit something more than good even if it turns out to be something less than great. Minnesota was not a good offensive team in 1972 and the defense, great as it was, could not carry the load all the way to the Super Bowl. Hence the decision to try Tarkenton a second time.

Tarkenton, usually the soul of modesty, took time out this spring to analyze the trade that brought him back to Minnesota and concluded the Vikes had made a dandy deal. To recover Francis Minnesota parted with wide receiver Bob Grim, quarterback Norm Snead, rookie running back Vince Clements, who has a case history of knee trouble, a number one draft choice for 1972 and a number two for 1973.

"The remarkable thing was the Vikings only gave up one regular, Grim, and nobody from their great defense," Fran said. "It's defense that wins in pro football. Well, Jim Finks was going to come out ahead."

Finks is the general manager of the Vikings and the man Tarkenton has to talk contract with. It was hard to say if there was any connection. Finks also made the 1967 deal that sent Fran to New York for a flock of draft choices. Ironically, one of the choices was Grim, now a Giant.

Having sounded a shade immodest with that line about a dandy deal, Fran then reverted to his usual low-key verbal role and discussed his role with the Vikings this fall.

"It will be my job to contribute something to Minnesota's offense", he said. "I will have to add direction and stability. Quite frankly, if I have to hand the ball off 60 times a game and never throw a pass to win, I'm glad to do it. I'm not interested in setting individual records. One thing I'm committed to and always have been is win-



To get Fran Vikes gave up wide receiver Bob Grim (27, top photos), who caught 45 passes in '71 for 691 yds. and seven TDs. Ironically Bob was originally drafted by Giants.

ning at any cost."

Fran is rated fifth in the all-time list of National Football League passers. In the rather involved rating system Sonny Jurgensen of Washington is number one, Len Dawson of Kansas City is second, Johnny Unitas of Baltimore is third, Bart Starr of Green Bay is fourth and Tarkenton is fifth. Unitas, of course, is a runaway leader in completed passes,

yardage, touchdown tosses, you name it.

In eleven seasons, Fran has thrown 216 touchdown passes. He has 2,075 completions in 3,797 attempts for 28,484 yards. He has had 167 passes intercepted. He is the only man in the history of the game who has completed more than 2,000 passes and rushed for more than 3,000 yards. His rushing total



Last year was not one of the better ones for Fran or his Giant team. N.Y. finished with a 4-10 record, Fran finished 11th in passing.

is 3,019 yards.

Last year was not one of Fran's better ones. He reflected the dismal play of the Giants, who finished with a 4-10 record. Fran was 11th in the league passing list with 226 completions in 386 tries for a 58.5 average. That sounds first-rate. But he had only eleven scoring passes and had 21 intercepted, a dismal ratio of almost two to one of interceptions over touchdowns. His passing yardage was 2,567.

Fran ran with the ball 30 times for 111 yards, an average of 3.7. He scored three touchdowns which made him second best on the team in running the ball in. Only Charlie Evans did better with five.

Fran missed a National Football League game for the first time last year. He had played in 153 consecutive contests when Coach Alex Webster sat him down for the season finale, a 41-28 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles. Later events disclosed the reason. The Giants wanted a long look at Randy Johnson at quarterback before making the decision to trade Tarkenton.

It has always been a matter of considerable discussion in pro football circles as to how good a quarterback Tarkenton really is. His fans say he has never played with a first-class team which is more or less a fact but won't be after this year. His knockers say that Tark is a fun-and-games quarterback who will break even most of the time.

But what does the record book say? It states in its usual cold black type that Fran has had only two winning seasons in the pro game. On three occasions he has broken even for the year. He has had six losing campaigns.

As a rookie at Minnesota in 1961 Fran was 3-11. In 1962 he was 2-11-1.



Tark had just 11 TD passes in '71 and had 21 intercepted, a dismal ratio of almost two to one of interceptions over TDs. Fine Vike defense though should help improve that record.

Fran led the Vikes to a 5-8-1 performance in 1963 and had his first winning campaign in 1964, which saw Minnesota with an 8-5-1 mark. In 1965 Fran was 7-7 and in 1966 he was 4-9-1. In 1967, his first year in New York, Tark was 7-7 and that was his 1968 record also. In 1969 he was 6-8 and then came 1970, his best year ever, a 9-5 showing and a crack at the Eastern Division title which went up in smoke when the Los Angeles Rams creamed the Giants, 31-3, on the final day of the season.

Last year, of course, was a 4-10 season but in all fairness one loss, the final game in which he did not play, should be subtracted from Fran's

record. His career record is 62-87-4.

Running back Ron Johnson of the Giants discussed Tarkenton at some length after Fran had been traded and disclosed some facets of the quarterback's character that were not generally known. Like having no great ego as a playcaller and leader on the field.

"Fran never had a real big ego", said Johnson. "Not the kind where a quarterback has the need to let everyone know he calls every play. He wasn't the kind who would come into a huddle and tell you he's the boss and doesn't want any suggestions."

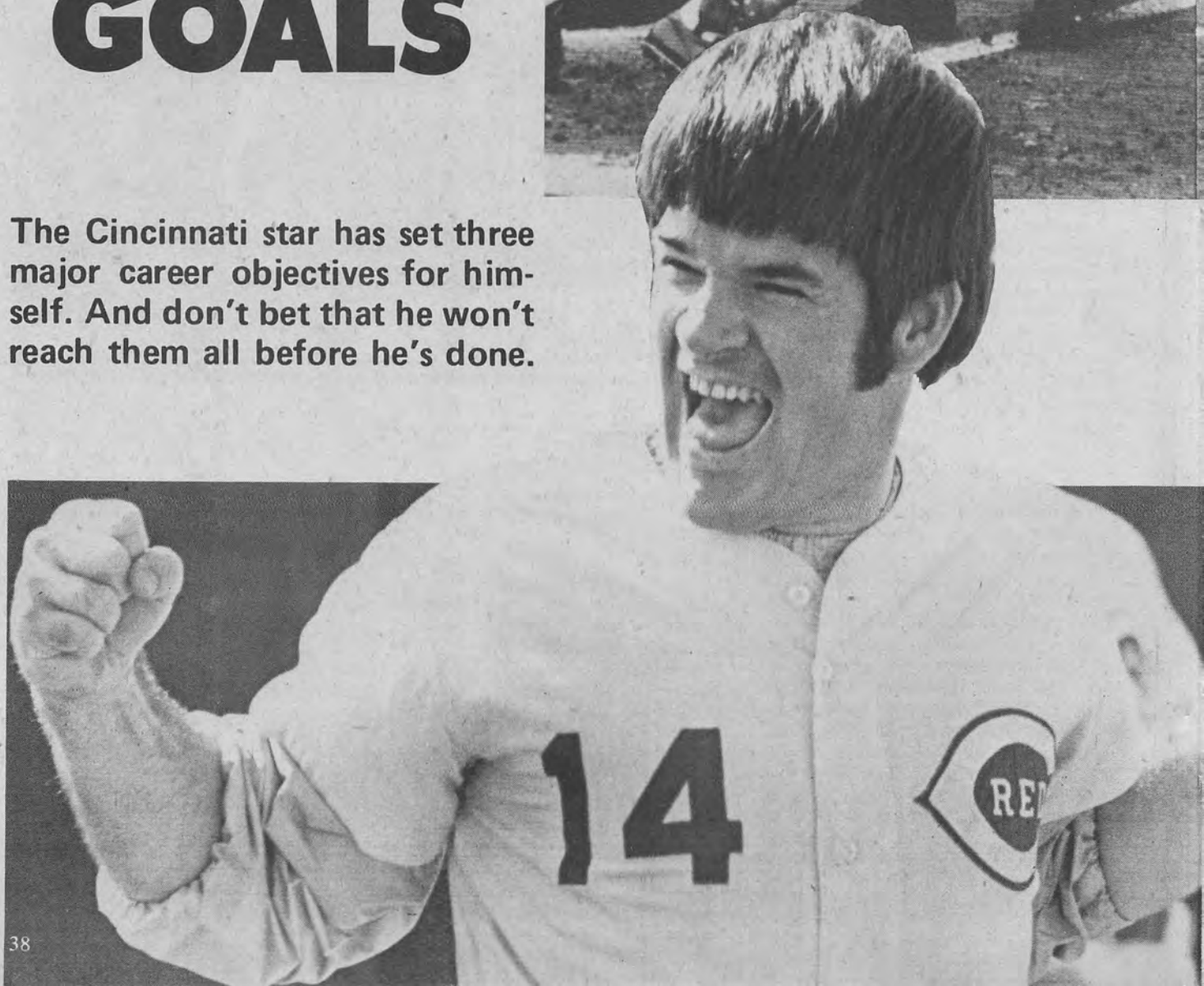
"Don't get me wrong, Fran is a

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PETE ROSE TALKS ABOUT HIS SECRET GOALS



The Cincinnati star has set three major career objectives for himself. And don't bet that he won't reach them all before he's done.





In opening game of 1972, Pete showed same old hustle despite mod hair style when he fought Dodger catcher Duke Sims for a piece of home plate in close play (above.) Gung-ho spirit in going through calisthenics (below) provides a sample of Rose's dedication to the game.



Having batted .300 or better for seven straight seasons, Rose had joined baseball's exclusive \$100,000 club.

by EARL LAWSON

PETE Rose doesn't care whether he plays right field, left field or center field. It doesn't matter to him whether his hair is modishly long or crew cut. He knows he can hit. And he desperately wants another 200-hit season to put him in the record book alongside the immortal Ty Cobb.

Barring serious injury, the Cincinnati Reds' versatile star could see his dream come true. One of Cobb's many baseball records is for most seasons with 200 or more hits—nine. Rose has batted out 200 or more hits in five of his last seven seasons since moving up from the Sally League to become the 1963 Rookie of the Year.

"I should have had 200 hits in those other years, too," said Rose who is known as "Charlie Hustle" by millions of fans for his aggressive style in the



Pete met with player rep. Clay Carroll, Dick Moss, attorney and Marvin Miller as strike dragged on, hurting bid for 200 hit year.

field and on the base paths.

Rose surprised some of the baseball traditionalists when he let his hair grow moderately long this winter. For years he has been the symbol of the old style with his crew cut.

"I don't hit with my hair," said Rose when newsmen asked him about the change. "It doesn't make any difference whether my hair is long or short. I know I can hit."

Rose's first 200-plus hit season came in 1965, the first of seven straight seasons during which he has batted .300 or better enroute to becoming the Reds' first \$100,000 player.

"I'd like to make it 10 straight seasons over .300," Pete notes, "That's another one of my goals. I believe in setting goals for myself. If you don't have something to shoot at, you can get in a rut."

The Reds haven't let Pete get into any rut on defense. He started out in the minors as a second baseman and played second when he became the National League's top rookie in 1963. After two years at second, he made an abortive attempt at third base in 1966 when Don Heffner was managing the Reds. Dave Bristol used him in the outfield and at both second and even first base in 1968.

In recent years he has shuttled from left field to right field to center field to right field. This spring they decided to move him back to left once more. The once-brash kid now is a more mature 32.

"As long as I play it doesn't make any difference to me," said Pete of all the shifting. "I'd like to match Cobb's record, hit .300 for 10 straight years and get those 3,000 hits."

Rose hit .273 and .269 in his first two seasons in the big. In 1965 he hit the 200-level for the first time with 209 hits while batting .312. The following year he made 205 and batted .313.

"That was the season," said Rose of '66, "when I hurt my shoulder trying for a diving catch in Los Angeles and missed almost three weeks."

The first batting championship came in 1968 when he led the league with 210 hits and nosed out Matty Alou in a photo finish with a .335 average.

"Winning the two batting titles; and the pennant in 1970 have to be my three biggest thrills in baseball so far," said Pete. "Only winning a World Series could give me a bigger thrill."

Rose beat out Matty Alou, then wearing a Pittsburgh Pirate uniform, in a down-to-the-wire duel to win the first of his two batting crowns in 1968.

And Pete still remembers the last two hectic weeks of that memorable season as if they ended yesterday.

Pete easily recalled the wary glances he gave scoreboards in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Houston during the Reds' last trip of the 1968 season.

"I figured Matty was getting hits if the Pirates were scoring runs," said Rose.

Rose remembered, too, the lonely nights on the last trip when tormented by the agony which accompanies a batting slump he shared a hotel room with only his thoughts.

Pete's roomie, Tommy Helms, was back home in Charlotte, N.C., with a fractured wrist in a cast.

During those last couple of weeks of the 1968 season Rose also remembered his meetings with advertising executives from New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. They had dangled endorsement offers in front of him but always there was the same staring attached to the dollar signs.

"They were all if deals," recalled Pete. "You know, if I won the batting title."



When Red Manager, Sparky Anderson (right) approached Rose on returning to left field during spring training, Pete said, "It doesn't make any difference to me as long as I play."



Although he broke into the big leagues as a second baseman and became the N.L.'s top rookie playing the keystone sack, Rose had little difficulty making switch to outfield.



A first inning double off Ray Sadecki that final day of the season clinched the batting title for Rose.

It was Rose's only hit in three official trips to the plate as the Reds beat the San Francisco Giants 3-0 behind the two hit pitching of Jim Maloney.

But, with Alou going hitless in four trips to the plate as the Chicago Cubs nosed out the Pirates, 5-4, the one hit was all Rose needed.

"I had a guy posted in the bleachers at old Crosley Field," recalled a grinning Rose. "He must have had a hot line to Chicago because he told me what Alou did every time he was at bat."

Dave Bristol, now managing the Milwaukee Brewers, was piloting the Reds that season.

"I've never seen anyone who coveted a batting title more than Pete," Bristol had remarked at the time. "If a manager could get 25 players who wanted to win a pennant that badly, he'd have a chance to cake-walk."

Before that final game Rose had clowning around with Helms, who had returned to Cincinnati from Charlotte a couple of days earlier to, as Tommy put it, "get Pete back on the ball."

Two nights before that final game Helms, just back in town, had watched Rose go one-for-seven in a 15 inning game with the Giants.

Only from his long-time buddy Helms would Rose have taken without throwing a punch in return the tongue-lashing Tommy administered to

Pete after his miserable showing in that Friday night game with the Giants.

"You swung the bat like a girl," Helms told Rose. "And if you swing the bat the same way, tomorrow (Saturday) I'll wind up tossing my cookies about four times."

Helms had told Rose a few other things, too—all unprintable.

But the needling Helms gave Rose and the 25 minutes of extra hitting practice Pete did the following day prior to the next-to-last game of the season snapped Rose from his doldrums. Pete went five-for-five at the plate.

"It wasn't until I was standing on second base after my fifth hit that I learned Matty went four-for-four in Chicago," recalled Pete. "Hal Lanier told me. I could hardly believe it."

Rose's five-for-five in that next-to-last game of the season did wonders for his confidence as one might expect.

And, as mentioned earlier, Helms had

kept Rose loose for that final game by clowning with Pete before the Reds took the field.

"Pete's ready," Helms had announced before the game. A thermometer had protruded from Rose's mouth. Helms had placed two aspirins in Pete's hand. And Tommy had gripped Rose's other hand as if checking Pete's pulse.

"Helms is good for Pete." Bristol had remarked as he watched them frolicking in the Reds' clubhouse. "It was too bad Tommy wasn't with Pete on that last trip to help him relieve a little of the tension he was experiencing. A guy can go batty just sitting in his room and staring at four walls...even a guy who's not bidding for his first batting title."

Before going to bed the night before the final game of the season Rose had figured out he could still win the batting title if he went 0-for-4 and Alou went 1-for-4.

"I didn't say anything about that before the game the next day," Rose later confessed. "That's negative thinking and Bristol wouldn't have liked that."

Rose's second straight batting title, won in 1969, also came after a down-to-the-wire battle with a Pirate player. Only this time Rose's competitor was Roberto Clemente, not Matty Alou.

A bunt single in the eighth inning of the Reds' final game of that season clinched the title for Rose.

"It wasn't the farthest base hit I've ever gotten, but it has to be one of the biggest," Rose had remarked after that Oct. 2 game with the Braves in Atlanta.

Runners were on first and second, two were out and the Reds led, 5-3 when Rose dropped down a perfect bunt to the left of the mound.

"It was the first time I've bunted with two out and a runner in scoring position," said Rose, "but this time I was willing to let someone else drive home the runs."

The bunt hit in four trips to the plate gave him a three point bulge over Clemente who finished with a .345 average after going three-for-four in the Pirates' season final with the Montreal Expos.

"I've never more nervous in my life than I was when I went to the plate in the eighth inning of that final game," Rose later confessed.

Rose was grabbing a bat off the dugout rack when a fan sitting in a front row box seat called to him that Clemente was 3-for-3 in Pittsburgh.

"I knew that if Clemente went four-for-four and I went zero-for-four, he'd win the batting title," said Pete.

Most of that season the New York Mets' Cleon Jones led the National League's batting parade. However, Jones finished the season third with a .340 mark.

"I really wanted to beat Clemente," said Rose later. "Remember he had already won the league batting title four times."

Rose's 219 hits that 1969 season left him one shy of tying the club record set by Cy Seymour in 1905.

"Just think that was 64 years ago," Rose had remarked at the time. "I really wanted that record and I probably would have gotten it if I hadn't missed nine games because of military duty."

Actually, winning the 1969 batting title shouldn't have surprised Rose. After winning the title in 1968 Rose offered evidence that good luck was still with him as early as January of 1969.

The writer well remembers that cold morning in January of 1969 when a laughing Rose telephoned the sports department of the Post and Times-Star.

"How about that kooky wife of mine," said Pete. "She just slipped on her mink stole coat to go down and check the mail box?"

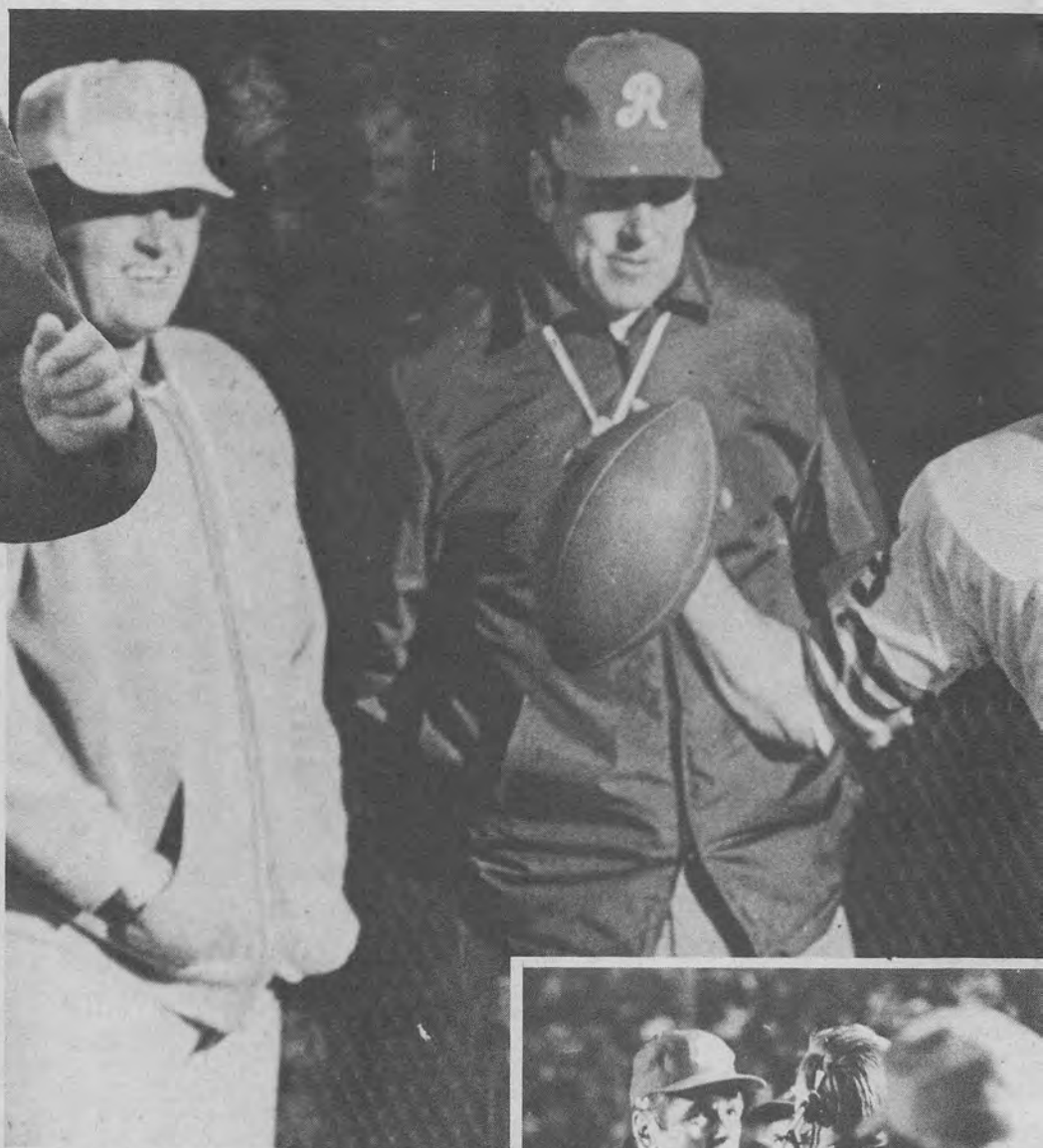
Pete can go get 'em in outfield (below). He's preformed brilliantly at whatever position he played.



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**GENIUS
OR ALSO
RAN?**

A NEW, REDSKINS'



Allen (A. center) with All-Pro QB Sonny Jurgensen on his right, and last season's sub-quarterback sensation Billy Kilmer on his left led Washington to their first berth in playoffs in 26 years. For this he was named coach of the Year by Football Writers Association of America. George (R.) and his Redskins finished with a 9-4-1 record last season, their best wind up in 29 years. Manipulator Allen's theory is deal draft choices for established performers. He traded away 24 draft choices and it paid off as Washington racked up 276 points (fifth in NFC) and gave up only 190.



LOOK AT THE GEORGE ALLEN



by CHARLES LEE

GATHER around, Folks, and see George Allen, the Master of Magic, the Prince of Prestidigitation, the only man in the world who makes the clock run backwards. Watch him put the Over-The-Hill-Gang, those artful ancients of the gridiron, through their paces.

He's George the wheeler-dealer man. He's George The Guru. He coaxes, he cons, he schemes, he plans, he plots, he



Sensational Larry Brown(A.,43)is biggest reason for Redskin upsurge.

The jury's still out on pro football's most controversial coach. This is the year when he has to disprove the theory that he can win every game but the real big one.

never stops thinking, Folks. He's got the neatest trick you ever saw. You trade a draft choice, a player only on paper, for a real live one and then you trade that same draft pick for more flesh and blood performers. How's that for a trick, Folks?

Right this way to see pro football's most unbelievable act, the Washington Redskins, and their unbelievable coach, George Allen. Does he do it with mirrors? Stop, look and listen, Folks. You may hear things and see things you never did before.

That kind of a spiel would be out of place anywhere but in the camp of the Redskins and their coach, Genial George Allen. George and his boys, a collection of rugged retradees, came this close to going all the way to the Super Bowl last year and they are back for another try with just about the same gang. It will have to be the same gang. The 'Skins traded away all good draft choices.

They have almost as many players over 30 as the United States Senate. But

they play hard-case football, alert and aggressive on defense and opportunistic on offense.

"You have to be between 30 and 40 years old to play pro football", said Allen. "In fact, you should be closer to 40 than 30." Was he kidding? Maybe a little. But not a lot. George likes veterans with know-how. He adds the enthusiasm.

"George catches everybody he comes in contact with in a tidal wave of success", observed Bill Kilmer, the hard-jawed quarterback who took over last season after Sonny Jurgensen was injured in an exhibition game.

That Allen is a successful coach, there is no denying. He's a winner. He has, however, never won a major title, either league or Super Bowl, and some of George's detractors point gleefully to that as evidence that in the final clutch he comes up short. Even his great Ram clubs failed to win the big ones.

He surely can be credited with a minor miracle at Washington last season.



In five-years as Ram coach Allen (A.) had best record in National Conference, 49-17-4. At Washington, conference title and reaching Super Bowl is worth \$25,000 to George.

He took over a team that had enjoyed just one winning season in the last 15 and won nine games, the highest victory total for the 'Skins in 29 years. He manipulated his collection of culls into the playoffs for the first time since 1945.

He took it on the chin figuratively when his sharpshooting quarterback, Jurgensen, fractured a shoulder in an exhibition contest against Miami. That seemed to be the season for Washington. Sonny was declared out until mid-season at the earliest. George rushed Kilmer into the breach and won the first five games of the regular season.

George also was racked up in a more personal way during a training camp workout when one of his players accidentally blind-sided him as he stood on the sidelines. The result was some broken ribs for George, who didn't miss a step after the crash. He even ran two laps daily with the team.

The Redskins finished with a 9-4-1 record for the 1971 season, second to the Dallas Cowboys in the Eastern Divi-

sion of the National Conference of the National Football League. It was the best runner-up record in the conference and earned Washington a playoff shot against San Francisco. The Redskins lost that, 24-20.

The defeat cost George a little cash but that never seems to bother him as much as losing a football game. He needs a sleeping pill after a losing game. After a victory, he goes big for ice cream. His wife says it's because he doesn't have to chew it.

The seven-year contract he negotiated with President Edward Bennett Williams of the Washington club called for \$125,000 a season, plus \$5,000 for getting into the playoffs, which he did, and then \$10,000 for reaching the conference title game and \$15,000 more for the Super Bowl. George struck out on the last two.

Allen is rated the top trader of pro football and his theory is deal draft choices for established performers. In fact, he did not make quite as many trades last season as two other clubs. But he traded in greater numbers and got far greater results.

The Redskins made 19 trades in 1971. The Denver Broncos and New Orleans Saints topped that with 20 deals each. But the Redskins had the greatest number of players involved, 33, and dealt away the most draft choices, 24. Coach Allen got carried away by the swirl of the auction action and on two

"Anybody who thinks Allen is an easy coach is mistaken," says vet Jack Pardee (32). "He's a tough coach, but I'm not playing football to have somebody sympathize with me."



occasions traded the same future draft choice twice. This little faux pas was not discovered for some months. When it was, it brought on league action.

What happened was that in acquiring defensive end Verlon Biggs from the New York Jets, George traded his number one draft pick in 1972 and his number two in 1973. He apparently forgot about the second part of that swap and subsequently traded the same number two pick in '73 to the Los Angeles Rams for safetyman Richie Petitbon.

Nobody connected with the league or any of the teams involved noticed that the 1973 number two selection had been traded twice, at least not for some time. But read on. There's more.

George's revolving door next brought in defensive end Ron McDole from the Buffalo Bills for the third and fourth draft picks in 1973. He then pried punt return specialist Speedy Duncan away from San Diego for numbers three and five in '73. But there was a rider. If Duncan played regularly for the 'Skins, the draft picks were to be the same three and four selections the Bills already had been promised.

When the matter was laid before Commissioner Pete Rozelle in New York, he decided that the Rams would get Washington's first draft choice in 1974. The Jets kept their picks. So did the Bills. The Chargers would be indemnified in some fashion.

George took the whole thing with his customary aplomb, wiped the egg off his face, and made a personal appearance at a Washington department store to autograph copies of his updated book, "Inside Football". One woman bought a copy for her husband's grandfather who she said was over 90.

George beamed as he signed his inscription. "Over 90, you say", the coach laughed. "He's really in the Over-The-Hill-Gang".

The Redskins probably had more starting players over 30 than any club in the NFL last year and will again this season. It's not the easiest thing in the world to chart because of injuries and the moving in and out of the starting lineup of marginal players.

However, if the 'Skins start the same men this fall they did last, the defensive leader, linebacker Jack Pardee will be the senior man on that unit at 36. Middle linebacker Myron Pottios is 33. The other linebacker, Chris Hanburger, is 31.

Safetyman Richie Petitbon is 34. Cornerback Pat Fischer is 32 and Defensive End Ron McDole also is 32. The other three members of the Front Four, end Verlon Biggs and the tackles, Manuel Sistrunk and Diron Talbert are still in their 20's.

On offense there is likely to be a brisk duel between Sonny Jurgensen, who is 38, and Bill Kilmer, who is 32, for the starting job at quarterback.

Much will depend on Jurgensen's physical condition and ability to throw the football.

Of the offensive linemen, center Len Hauss and the two tackles, Walter Rock and Jim Snowden, all are 30. Ray Schoenke, one of the guards, is 31. The crack wide receiver, Charley Taylor, who suffered a broken ankle at mid-season in 1971, is all recovered and while working out in a spring drill commented: "I'll be 31 in September, just the right age for George's team."

The other offensive starters are in their middle or late 20's with hard-running Larry Brown, the pocket battle-ship ball carrier, the baby of the group

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Allen's preference for proven vets gives him offensive unit comprised of aged QB's Jurgensen, 38 and Kilmer, 32. Nearly all his linemen are over 30. Receiver Charlie Taylor states, "I'll be 31 in September, just the right age for George's team." Youngest member of unit, at age 25, is back Larry Brown, with setback Charlie Harraway (below) next at 27.



"Both Vince (Lombardi, Above) and George were inspirational to players but in a different way," offers Skins star receiver Boyd Dowler. "Vince was explosive. George is quiet."

by JOE FALLS

Well, how about Cy Young? He never won the Cy Young Award. Or how about Mickey Lolich? He has never won it, either. The difference is, Mickey is miffed about it. Cy doesn't have much to say. "All I can say is that I should have won it," argues Lolich. "I think they picked the most popular pitcher, not the best pitcher."

Lolich wanted the award and wanted it badly. But the Baseball writers gave it to Vida Blue. This still sticks in Lolich's craw. He can't forget it and people won't let him forget it.

Like the night he went to Columbus, Ohio, to accept an award from the Touchdown Club of Columbus. It was a memorable occasion for him. Howard Cosell was on the program.

"They have both Cosell and Don Meredith as the masters of ceremony," recalls Lolich. "When they get around to me, Cosell takes over.

"Now," says Cosell, "Vida Blue wins the MVP and Cy Young award in the American League and Ferguson Jenkins wins it in the National League. And who do you guys pick as your top pitcher of 1971?"

"Mickey Lolich?"

"You can imagine how great I felt going up to receive the trophy after that."

Yeah, you can only imagine. Mickey Lolich, the star southpaw of the Detroit Tigers, is not the most thick-skinned player in the major leagues. But he is somewhere around the Top Ten. He can be very funny on one hand, very serious on the other. He is usually very serious about himself when it comes to the number of wins, number of awards and number of dollars he can earn for himself. That's very serious business with Mickey Lolich.

You have to admit he has a point about the 1971 Cy Young Award going to Blue. Lolich merely made more starts, pitched more innings, won more

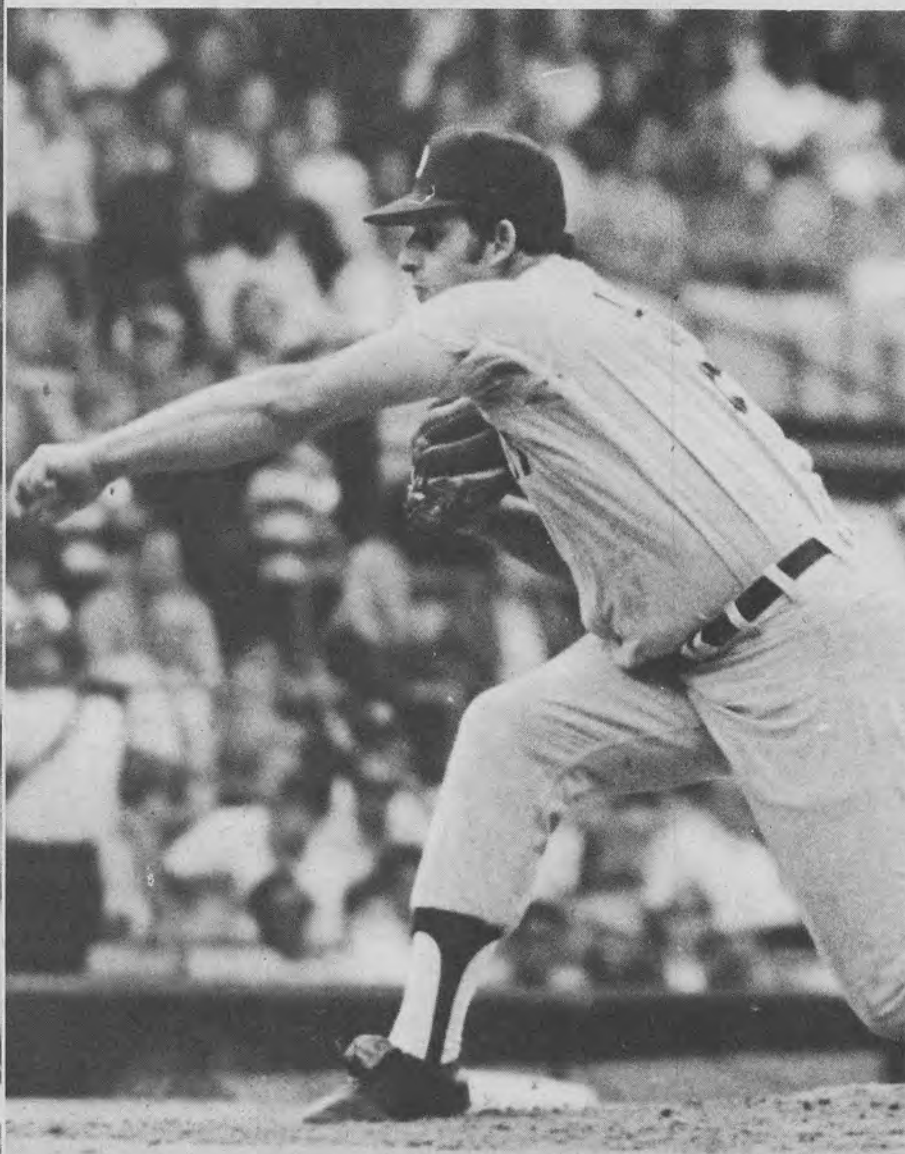


**IT'S
NOW OR
NEVER FOR**

MICKEY

When the abrasive Howard Cosell made one of his typical comments at a dinner in Columbus, the Tiger southpaw had a right to do a slow burn. It summed up all the frustrations Mickey has known in his career.

Lolich, pot belly and all, went from losingest pitcher in A.L. in '70 (19 losses) to the winningest (25) last year. In doing so he struck out 308 batters.



LOLICH

games and struck out more batters than the Oakland A's young sensation. He went from the losingest pitcher in the American League in 1970 (14-19) to the winningest (25-14) and yet finished no better than second in the Cy Young voting and fifth in the MVP.

Compare the records (as Lolich has for the past year):

	Blue	Lolich
Starts	39	45
Innings	312	376
Record	24-8	25-14
Strikeouts	301	308

Lolich grumps, "I guess what I'll have to do this season is pitch 450 innings and win 45 games. Maybe they'll take a look at me."

Lolich won some minor awards. He was a unanimous choice for "Tiger of the Year" in a vote of the Detroit baseball writers. He was acclaimed "Sportsman of the Year" by the United

Foundation Torch Drive in Detroit. But little glory and no gold go with these awards. The Mick wants the big ones. He knows where the bucks are.

It seems as if he has been fighting a losing battle all his life in his bid to acquire fame and fortune. The year he won 3 games in the World Series, the Tigers had another pitcher on their staff named Dennis Dale McLain. While it was the Mick who came through in the



Mickey's fine '71 performance netted him one-year contract calling for \$81,300.

Mickey, like his skipper Billy Martin (below), says what he feels. Concerning Cy Young Award he stated, "All I can say is that I should have won it."



clutch and brought the World's Championship to Detroit, it was McLain who got most of the attention and most of the Rewards.

Lolich made a few nightclub appearances, including one in Las Vegas, and was in great demand as a speaker. But Denny, who won 31 and was shooting off his mouth, was the one in real demand. He was on the magazine covers and the TV talk shows—the glib guy everyone wanted.

Last season, when Lolich reached the peak of his career, Blue came along with one of those once-in-a-lifetime seasons that had his picture on the magazines as well as TV, and it so happened that a team called the Baltimore Orioles chose this precise time to come up with no fewer than four 20-game winners. Even though he was rolling up the wins all through the season, Lolich went unnoticed almost until the end. And then, everybody discovered this guy's got a chance to win 30.

That was true. He had a shot at 30 but he let a few games get away from him early, then lost his last three, and wound up at 25, which isn't a bad season's work.

Failing to win the Cy Young award, Lolich did what he felt was the next best thing. He held out for as much money as he could. He staunchly remained at home for the first 10 days of spring training and hoped to wheedle a three

year contract out of the Tigers. In fact, he got under the skin of the Tiger's general manager, Jim Campbell, by refusing to take part in the negotiations. Campbell had to work through Lolich's agent, a Detroit lawyer named Bob Fenton.

The meetings were unique. Campbell would say to Mick: "Hi, Mick." Lolich would say to Campbell "Hi, Jim." And then not another word would pass between them. Lolich would either sit off in a corner by himself, or remain out altogether, while Fenton and Campbell went at it head to head. Campbell finally got so disgusted with the whole setup that he turned the negotiations over to Rick Ferrell, his quiet, mannered partner. Jim's stomach was starting to make noises.

Actually, there is nothing unusual about a player having an agent or a lawyer represent him except that Lolich had never been too fond of Fenton and had said he planned to sever all connections with him. But Fenton is an aggressive, swift-talking operator and when Lolich saw the chance Fenton might get him some more dough, he went with him.

As it turned out, Lolich himself finally settled the dispute. He walked into the Tiger's camp one day, sat down with Campbell and came to terms in almost a matter of moments. He got a one-year contract for \$81,300. Most players would sign for \$81,000. Not Mickey Lolich. He signed for \$81,300.

This was more money than he had ever made in his life. It represented a raise of more than \$25,000. This was very important to him since he had more than his share of financial woes in the previous years. He got into a Pizza business and thought he was going to be a big executive. But all they wanted him for was to make appearances and sign autographs for the kids. Lolich didn't like it, felt he had been misled, and left the business with bitter feelings. He didn't help his own image by sulking in front of the kids at some of the autograph sessions.

He lost out in some other business ventures, discovering that his appeal went down as his losses went up. Disillusioned by it all, he virtually retreated to a small suburb north of Detroit called Washington and there engaged only in the sale of snowmobiles with a close personal friend of his. No more did he want to be hurt by others in the cold world of business.

So here he was, at the outset of the 1972 season with a bright new contract calling for almost \$450 a day—and he misses the first nine days because of the baseball strike.

"This," he said darkly from his home in Washington, "is costing me a lot of money."

But he also displayed a sense of humor about it, too. He said: I guess I'll just have to do something screwy on



Mick pitched only 17 innings in spring training but managed route going win in Tigers' opener, beating the Red Sox 3-2.



At 31, Lolich (with wife, Joyce) knows he must have two 20 plus win seasons back to back to achieve financial goal.

opening day."

And he did.

Working for the first time in 17 days, after reporting 10 days late for spring training and pitching only four times in Florida for a total of 17 innings, Lolich hurled the opener for the Tigers and beat the Boston Red Sox, 3-2, with one of the most incredible performances ever seen in Tiger Stadium. Despite the long layoff he allowed only six hits and retired the last 17 batters and 21 of the last 22. He went the entire nine innings and it was mere child's play for him through the final five innings.

How had he gotten ready? Two ways: He pitched batting practice for Romeo High School near his home and rode around on his motorcycle.

On the day the season was scheduled to open, Lolich was asked what he planned to do with his time.

"I'm going to work out," he said.

"How?" he was asked.

"On my motorcycle," he said.

"How is that going to get you into shape?"

"Oh," he said, "it puts a great strain on the back of the legs. You ought to try it some time.

Then, then, is how Lolich started out the season—with a pun and a win. Actually, this is the most important year of his life. All he heard from Campbell in their negotiations is that he had to put together two big years in a row before

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CATFISH HUNTER-THE OAKLAND STAR NOBODY TALKS ABOUT

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Robert Carter, Jim's coach at Perquimans High in Hertford, said he at once had recognized him as a fine major league prospect.

"Catfish had a lot of desire. You don't make boys like that, you just try to guide them a little bit. When he wasn't pitching, he played shortstop. We needed his hitting. He pitched a perfect game against Elizabeth in 1943. He always had a good fast ball, then he added a good curve. He had a 23-2 record his last two years, and in one 12-inning game he struck out 29 batters."

Generosity and kindness are Jim's qualities that his mother, Lillie Mae Hunter, recalls best:

"Jim always remembers to send me a present on Mother's Day," she relates proudly. "After he got that big bonus (\$60,000) from Mr. Finley, he gave me a hot water heater. It was the first one we ever owned. I still have some of the presents he gave me when he was a little boy. He would buy me little pictures. One time he gave me a nice knife, and I always use it for carving when company comes."

"Jim always had to keep busy. When he came home from school, he liked to help his daddy on the farm. He'd go out in the field and chop peanuts and cotton. And, when he was not working in the fields or going to school, he'd be playing baseball in the backyard with his four older brothers."

"He'd always say, 'as soon as I'm a big boy, I'm gonna play in the big leagues.'"

"His brothers would humor him with 'Oh, sure, Little Jimmy.'"

"But as Jim matured he became quite good. His daddy would take him to Rocky Mount, Raleigh and Silent City for his American Legion games. What he seemed to enjoy most was striking out his brothers. On Sundays, they often played together on a Hertford team, and half the town would come out to see the game."

Jim is the only Hunter to go into professional sports. Pete is a high school coach, Edward, a car mechanic, Marvin works on a neighbor's farm and Ray, 35, the only son still single, still helps on his father's farm. The boys' three sisters also are married.

A first-class handyman, the Catfish spends his winters, when not fishing or hunting, repairing the family house and barn.

Still a hometown boy, he likes to entertain friends he knew at Perquimans

High. (Perquimans is an Indian word for "Land of Beautiful Women.") And he even sings in the Hertford Baptist Church choir's Christmas concerts.

Today, one of the top pitchers in the biggies, Jim says his fast ball is overrated. "My biggest asset is control," he insists. "My curve is all right and my slider shakes em up. I got that from Ol' Satchel Paige at Kansas City in 1965."

Rivals admire The Catfish for both his pitching and hitting.

"Hunter must have perfect vision," says Donny Siebert, the fine Boston pitcher. "He never goes for a bad pitch when he's at bat."

"I'm not picky like most pitchers," explains Hunter. "I see the ball coming and I just let go at it. An umpire rarely calls a strike on me. Only thing that bothers me is the fast ball that really hums."

As to his pitching, The Catfish says: "I watch the hitters pretty closely in batting practice to find out where they like to be pitched. Then I go elsewhere."

To be effective, Hunter has to pitch often and, about the only thing that bothers him in the loss of his turn in the pitching rotation.

It happened in Baltimore late last August when the game Hunter was to pitch was rained out. The Catfish blew up when told by Manager Dick Williams that the sensational Vida Blue would pitch the next night in Oakland.

But Providence was kind to Hunter. Blue lost a four-hitter to Boston, 1-0, when the A's failed to support him. The next night, the A's did better with their bat and Hunter was the beneficiary. He beat the Red Sox, 4-1, on four hits.

After his accident, Hunter was sent by the A's to Mayo Clinic where part of his foot was removed in 1964.

In 1965, Hunter was carried on the club's roster to protect him from the player draft. Late when injuries reduced the A's staff, the 19-year-old pitcher was given his starting chance. And he's been a starter ever since.

Hunter, who turned 26 in April, believes he's now in his prime and should contribute heavily toward getting the A's into the World Series.

"Once we make it," predicted Catfish Hunter, "I think we can win it. I guess unless we're the world's champions I'll never get the recognition I need to buy the big farm I want. And, of course, winning the World Series would mean even more to me than my perfect game. It's prestige that money could never buy."

BEHIND THE SCENES OF ROGER STAUBACH'S STRUGGLE TO BECOME A COMPLETE QUARTERBACK

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"Roger just ran it in for the score."

The victory string continued. Roger led the Cowboys to a hard-won 28-21 victory over the Los Angeles Rams, connecting with Hayes for a 51-yard touchdown play and Alworth on a dandy 21-yarder.

Staubach threw three touchdown passes as the New York Jets were buried, 52-10, and three more as Dallas creamed the New York Giants, 42-14. In the final game it was Dallas 31, St. Louis 12, and the Cowboys, the champions of the Eastern Division in the National Conference, got ready to take on massive Minnesota in the frozen North country.

It was nine degrees above zero the day before the game but at kickoff time on Christmas Day it was a balmy 30. The Dallas defense played a savage and alert brand of football, Clark kicked two field goals, Duane Thomas wheeled 13 yards for one touchdown and Staubach passed nine yards to Hayes for another. It was a 20-12 victory for the Cowpokes.

The second playoff game was in Dallas against San Francisco. The 49ers came to town as high as the Top of the Mark, determined to make the Cowboys bleed for every yard. They did. Thomas was stopped and so were the other Cowboy running backs.

But the Dallas defense literally stole a score. Early in the second quarter, defensive end George Andrie got his tall frame in front of a San Francisco screen deep in 49'er territory. San Francisco quarterback John Brodie somehow managed to miss seeing him. John laid a soft screen pass right in Andrie's hands. Big George plowed to the San Francisco two and Calvin Hill popped through for a touchdown.

The 49'er defense, led by Cedrick Hardman, continued to smear the Dallas running game but late in the third period San Francisco was unable to hold Staubach in a clutch play. The Cowboys were leading, 7-3 and it was third and seven from their 23 yard line.

Staubach went back to zip a first-down pass—at least that's what Landry's play ordered him to do—but Roger found Hardman and company coming hard. He broke from the pocket, first to his right and then to his left, going back, back, back.

He was all the way back to his three-yard line with players running all over the field. Earl Edwards, a 49'er lineman, seemed to have a shot at him

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JOIN MARCH OF DIMES

but hesitated momentarily, apparently distracted by a Cowboy coming up to block.

It was all Roger needed. He headed upfield for about ten yards, stopped and lined a pass that went straight to Dan Reeves for a 17-yard gain. The play took something out of the San Francisco defense.

The Cowboys were on the march. Roger hit Billy Traux with another third-down pass from the Dallas 45 and eight plays later Thomas went in for a touchdown from the San Francisco two. The final score was 14-3.

Two weeks later it was Super Bowl time. Roger completely outplayed Bob Griese, the stylish Miami quarterback, who was supposed to be a superior passer. Griese completed 12 of 23 passes for 134 yards but no touchdowns. One was intercepted.

Staubach made good on 12 of 19 aerials for 119 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. Both scoring strikes were beauties. One was a seven-yard clothesline to Alworth in the left corner of the end zone. The other was a bulls-eye pass to Ditka, also for seven yards, leading Mike laterally across the end zone behind Miami's defenders. The other Dallas touchdown was on a three yard move by Thomas. Staubach called an audible on that play. Landry's play from the bench was a run to the strong side. As the Cowboys broke from their huddle Roger saw that the Dolphins had over-shifted to that side. He called an automatic to the weak side and Thomas went in easily.

Roger is not a picture passer, like Y. A. Tittle or Sammy Baugh or young Jim Plunkett. He seems to have trouble with his zig-out passes to the sidelines, often overthrowing. But he can throw deep and he can throw hard.

"Roger can throw the ball so hard", said assistant coach Ray Renfro of the Cowboys, "he could pass a football through a car wash without getting it wet." Renfro, by the way, used to catch passes from one of the all time greats of the quarterback profession, Otto Graham, during his playing days with the Cleveland Browns.

The Navy coach at that time, Rick Forzano, who recruited Staubach out of Purcell High School in Cincinnati, heaped praise on Roger.

"This is an incredible young man, one of the finest gentlemen you would ever want to meet", Forzano said. "He draws respect by the way he lives, by the way he talks and by the way he acts. He is truly a great credit to the Naval Academy, the Navy and the country."

In Dallas they will tell you that he also is a credit to the Cowboys, a very great credit. At the age of 30 he seems ready for the kind of career that Bart Starr had at Green Bay, the role of Mr.

Quarterback. In three seasons Roger has started 17 games at quarterback for Dallas and lost only one . . . to St. Louis in 1970. The Cowboys will take a ten-game winning streak into play this fall, the last seven games of the regular 1971 season and the three wins in the playoffs, including the Big One in New Orleans.

HANK AARON'S PLAN TO BATTLE BABE RUTH'S GHOST

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League. Second was Philadelphia with 153. "There's no question that Atlanta Stadium has helped me," Aaron admits. The Braves moved to the Southern city from Milwaukee in 1966.

Aaron won't need much help to move past Ruth's standard, most baseball people agree. "There's no doubt he'll break it—unless some serious injury cuts him down," says Frank Robinson, Los Angeles' veteran outfielder who himself has more than 500 career homers.

However, Baltimore skipper Earl Weaver is not quite as certain. "There's no doubt he has a chance," Weaver's statement seemed prophetic when the general strike by the major league ballplayers delayed the start of the season.

On April 6 when Hammerin' Hank was to have continued his historic chase of Ruth's mark he was working out on a

sandlot field in Atlanta. "The strike has to have some effect," he speculated. "It takes the edge off your timing. I've been taking batting practice but that's a whole lot different than game conditions."

During the season, Hank skips batting practice quite often . . . sometimes for a week at a time. "When I'm swinging real good and seeing the ball, I find I don't need it," he explains. "I sit in the clubhouse and relax, then just loosen up. Sometimes I just need to rest. Those day games after night games can tire anybody."

"I keep hearing that bit about the fact that I've got a young body for my age and maybe it's so. I was about 170 pounds when I came up as a youngster and I'm about 187 now which isn't too bad. But one thing I'm sure of and that's that I'm a lot stronger now."

"Hank has hardly changed since I've known him," says Don Davidson, "except maybe in the maturity he has gained. He wears the same hat size now that he did in 1954. When he first came up, Milwaukee had such established stars as Eddie Mathews and Warren Spahn. Hank was able, by observing them, to learn how a superstar should act."

"It is going to be tremendous," predicts Ralph Houk, the Yankee manager who held the same position when Maris broke the Babe's season mark in '61. "It isn't so much hitting homers, it's the people following you, badgering you, making caustic remarks. It can get to you. You have to be a strong person mentally to take it." Can Hank Aaron take it without cracking up?

"Sometimes," he confesses, "I want to get away from it—be just another ballplayer. I can sympathize with Maris, knowing what he went through. Fortunately for me, I don't play in New York. That's going to help a little."

He is not as concerned about his knees which have given him trouble from time to time, as about his general health. "When you're 38 you're always a little sore," he explains. "Your reflexes are a little slower and the kids coming up can throw a little harder."

He is concerned, too, about the circumstances of his unprecedented attempt. "What I don't want it to come to is the point where the team loses and I hit a homer and everything focuses on me. I don't want that—but I also know the closer I come to the record."

Sometime soon, Hank Aaron will grip a bat, swing and hit another home run. It won't be long, though, before he'll have to get an even firmer grip on himself.

PRO FOOTBALL'S ROOKIE CROP

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5. Riley Odoms, Houston tight end, Denver.

6. Jeff Kinney, Nebraska running back, Kansas City

7. Mike Siani, Villanova receiver, Oakland

8. Lionel Antoine, Southern Illinois tackle, Chicago.

9. Ed Marinaro, Cornell running back, Minnesota.

10. Franco Harris, Penn State running back, Pittsburgh.

And 10 on defense could wind up like this:

1. Willie Buchanon, San Diego State defensive back Green Bay.

2. Walt Patulski, Notre Dame defensive end, Buffalo.

3. Clarence Ellis, Notre Dame defensive back, Atlanta.

4. Jeff Siemon, Stanford Linebacker, Minnesota.

5. Sherman White, California defensive end, Cincinnati.

6. Herb Orvis, Colorado defensive end, Detroit

7. Gregory Sampson, Stanford defensive end, Houston.

8. Craig Clemons, Iowa defensive back, Chicago.

9. Larry Jacobson, Nebraska defensive end, New York Giants.

10. Mike Taylor, Michigan linebacker, New York Jets.

The best three specials may be:

1. Chester Marcol, Hillsdale punter-place kicker, Green Bay.

2. Bill McClard, Arkansas place kicker San Diego.

3. Merv Bateman, Utah punter-place kicker, Dallas.

Let's take a look at each team and see how their rookies may fit into their 1972 program.

NFC EAST

DALLAS

The Cowboys don't need much help after thumping Miami in the Super Bowl. They surprised many observers by snatching running backs in their first two draft picks although they already had depth in that department with Walt Garrison, Calvin Hill and Duane Thomas. Operating on the old "best athlete available" theory, the Cowboys took Bill Thomas, a sturdy runner from Boston College who missed most of his junior year because of a shoulder injury, and then latched into Bob Newhouse, an exciting little 5-9 runner from Houston. Dallas also added a little linebacker insurance in John Babinecz, 6-1, 222 of Villanova and the top punter in the nation, Marv Bateman of Utah, who averaged 48.1 yards in punting and also kicked field goals.

PHILADELPHIA

Although Pete Liske came around in late season, the Eagles struggled with quarterback problems during most of 1971. John Reaves, the 6-3, 207 pound drop back passer from Florida who set new NCAA records, generally was accepted as the best pro type quarterback prospect. He threw 54 touchdowns in college and broke Jim Plunkett's career yardage mark.

NEW YORK GIANTS

After trading Fran Tarkenton and Fred Dryer for No. 1 draft choices, the Giants astounded their fans by selecting Eldridge Small, a wide receiver-defensive back type from Texas A & I as their first choice. Although Small played offense since his freshman year, he impressed Coach Alex Webster on defense in the Senior Bowl. New York used its other first-round pick on Larry Jacobson, 6-6, 250, who played defensive tackle at Nebraska but will try to fill Dryer's shoes at end in Yankee Stadium. The Giants also are high on their third round choice, defensive tackle John Mendenhall, 6-1, 255, of Grambling.

ST. LOUIS

Bobby Moore may very well turn out

to be the rookie flash of the season. The versatile Oregon runner-receiver was high on everybody's list. Called a "Lenny Moore" type in college, Moore has breakaway speed, soft hands, great moves and he also can block. With MacArthur Lane and Cid Edwards departed, Bobby should get plenty of chance to carry the ball for the Cards. The Bidwell brothers also think they helped themselves with Mark Arneson, a 6-2, 215 linebacker from Arizona.

WASHINGTON

Who needs draft choices? That's George Allen's credo. He traded away most of his rights to get established veterans. When he finally got a shot at the college crop in the eighth round he drafted Meses Denson of the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian League. Denson is the type of runner who would add zip to the Redskin attack if they can pry him away from the Alouettes and satisfy a previous claim by Houston. Allen also picked himself another quarterback in Don Bunce of Stanford on the 12th round.

NFC CENTRAL

CHICAGO

Abe Gibron didn't need to be a genius to realize the Bears needed help up front if they are to become a factor in the NFC's blood and guts Central Division. Lionel Antoine, 6-7, 255, is expected to chase Steve Wright out of his right tackle job on the strength of fantastic blocking reports from Southern Illinois; Antonio can also play tight end, another Bear weak spot which may have been filled by Bob Parsons, 6-4, 235, No. 5 draft from Penn State. The Bears are thinking of Craig Clemons, Iowa defensive back, as a safety and like what they have seen of Johnny Musso, the Italian Stallion from Alabama who Bear Bryant called "the greatest back I ever coached."

DETROIT

Defense is the big headache for the Lions and Joe Schmidt moved to bolster the pass rush by grabbing Herb Orvis, 6-5, 240, of Colorado, and Ken Sanders, 6-5, 225, of Howard Payne, a pair of defensive ends to go with Larry Hand. The Lions dumped the passer only 18 times last season and Orvis did the job 39 times all by himself at Colorado.

GREEN BAY

With Willie Wood having retired to become an assistant coach at San Diego, Green Bay had an opening in the defensive backfield. They grabbed the best

man available, according to all scouting reports, and picked Willie Buchanon, 6-0, 190 of San Diego State. Willie is said to play bump and run with the best and has 9.4 speed for the 100. Daily workouts trying to cover teammate Tom Reynolds, drafted by the New England Patriots, helped him become what one scout called, "the best college cornerback I ever scouted." Willie probably will go to a corner in a Packer Backfield Shuffle. Jerry Tagge, the quarterback of Nebraska's champions, is the running type in case Dan Devine wants to change his offense.

MINNESOTA

After jazzing up the offense by re-acquiring Fran Tarkenton, the Vikings reverted to form and drafted NO. 1 for their top-rated defense. Jeff Siemon, 6-2, 230, Stanford middle linebacker, should be insurance for Lonnie Warwick who had two knee operations last year. It's possible the Vikings may have put one over on the league by grabbing Ed Marinaro, whose record-breaking exploits have drawn sneers in some circles because he performed for Cornell in the Ivy League. On the ground that anybody who gained 4,715 yards and scored 52 touch downs can't be all wrong, Marinaro has the potential and incentive to make a lot of faces red.

NFC WEST

ATLANTA

Although Pat Sullivan, the Heisman Trophy winner from nearby Auburn was available, the Falcons took Clarence Ellis, Notre Dame defensive back, in the first round. Ellis, 5-11, 183, figures to be a regular at free safety with Ray Brown moving to strong safety. He intercepted 14 passes for the Irish during his career. Atlanta went for Sullivan in the second round. The Auburn All-American starts out behind Bob Berry, Dick Shiner and Leo Hart and will also have the handicap of losing time while he works with the College All Stars while the Falcons already are in camp. But Sully has a way of rising to the occasion and it would not be wise to sell him short.

LOS ANGELES

The Rams didn't have a first-round draft choice but they picked up a No. 2 from San Diego in the Deacon Jones deal and used it to pick Jim Bertelsen, 6-0, 205, Texas running back as insurance behind Willie Ellison. The Rams snatched another well-liked back in Larry McCutcheon, a power runner from Colorado State to spell Les Josephson. Eddie Phillips, the Texas quarterback, figures to be a defensive back

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NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans satisfied its need for offensive linemen by drafting Royce Smith, everybody's All American guard from Georgia, 6-3, 245 with good speed and strength, and Bob Kuziel, 6-4, 255, Pittsburgh center. Willie Hall, the No.2 selection, from Southern California, might fit into the lineup as an outside linebacker and Tom Myers, 5-11, 184 Syracuse defender, could take over as free safety and punt return specialist.

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco will get a chance to find out whether it was Terry Beasley's catches or Pat Sullivan's passes that made Auburn go. Apparently the 49'ers think it was Beasley who was the important man in the battery because they passed up Sullivan and took the 5-11, 186 pound receiver who caught 143 passes for 29 TDs in his college career. The consensus All-American averaged a touchdown for each five passes caught at Auburn. The 49ers also grabbed another highly-regarded pass catcher in Jubilee Deunar, 6-0, 196 of Southern U. who led the tough SWAC for two years. To guard against another epidemic of injuries to the defensive backfield, Coach Dick Nolan also picked up Ralph McGill, 6-0, 180, a quick cornerback from Tulsa who also is a fine kick returner.

AFC EAST

BALTIMORE

The Colts came up with an excellent "future" draft in players who probably won't break into the lineup this season but have star potential. Tom Drougas, 6-4, 257, Oregon tackle, figures to be handy with both regular tackles 30

years old. Jack Mildren, Oklahoma's wishbone quarterback, will be a candidate for the strong safety job. Glenn Doughty, Michigan's top pass catcher, has a shot at a starting post as an outside receiver. Lydell Mitchell, the NCAA all time scoring champ with 174 points on 29 tds for Penn State last year, will run behind Tom Matte. Eric Allen, who once ran for 350 yards against Purdue during his Michigan State career, is Little All American runner at American International, is competition for Rick Wolk at free safety.

BUFFALO

Walt Patulski, the 1 pick in the entire NFL draft, is set to take over as a regular defensive end for the Buffalo club. The 6-6, 260 pound giant from Notre Dame has the size and speed to be a top pass rusher. The Bills also are high on Reggie McKenzie, the 6-4, 235 All-American guard from Michigan who had the quickness and agility to become a regular after he has learned pro-style pass blocking. Fred Swendson, the "other defensive end" at Notre Dame, may be tried at offense. Two Alcorn A & M prospects, cornerback Leon Garror and guard Robert Penchion, are highly regarded along with Randy Jackson, Wichita State runner.

MIAMI

The Dolphins think they have found the big defensive lineman who can become a regular in a year or two in Mike Kadish, 6-5, 270-pound Notre Dame tackle. The Dolphins didn't have a second round pick but considered themselves fortunate to grab Gary Kosins, once carried the ball 51 times in a game with Louisville an rates as a backup man for Larry Csonka and Jim Kiick. Doubts about George Mira undoubtedly prompted the Dolphins to take Craig Curry, Minnesota quarterback, as insurance behind Bob Griese.

NEW ENGLAND

Nothing like the excitement of 1971 when Jim Plunkett captured all the headlines. The Patriots gave up their first round choice to the Giants in the Fred Dryer deal. When they finally got a chance to pick in the second round they went for Tom Reynolds, a 6-2, 190-pound pass catcher who led the NCAA at San Diego State with 67 receptions in 10 games. With Reynolds on one side and Randy Vataha on the other, the Pats expect to be more of a passing threat.

NEW YORK JETS

The Jets went into the draft looking for a tight end. When Denver grabbed Riley Odoms they decided to take Jerome Barkum, 6-3, 215, from Jackson State which gave them Rich Caster three years ago. Weeb Ewbank's plan was to

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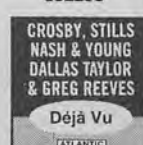
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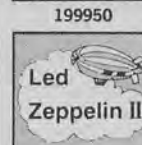
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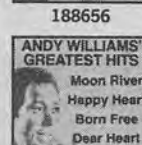
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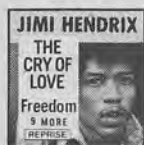
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AFC CENTRAL

CINCINNATI

Paul Brown, concerned about the defense at Cincinnati, dug into that category for his first four draft picks. Sherman White, 6-5, 255, California strong side defensive tackle, will be shifted to end with the Bengals. The All-American never played football in high school and was a basketball player in junior college. He comes with a rep as a pass rusher and strong man against the rush. Tom Casanova, 6-2, 195, defensive back from LSU with blinding speed and excellent ball-hawking instincts, could move into a regular job.

CLEVELAND

Nick Skorich surprised the pro scouts by taking two defensive backs in his first two draft picks—Tom Darden of Michigan where he was used both at the corner and safety, and Cliff Brooks of Tennessee State, a little All-American. Both will try to win Ben Davis' corner job. Lester Sims, a defensive end from Alabama State, will be a backup man. Don Cockroft's dual role as punter and place kicker will be challenged by George Hunt, a field goal artist from Tennessee. Brian Sipe, the San Diego State Quarterback whose 23 passes led the nation, wasn't selected until the 13th round but he could figure in the Browns picture.

HOUSTON

Greg Sampson, the sixth man taken in the entire draft, has a chance to be an instant starter with the Oilers. The 6-5, 245 defensive end from Stanford played with an injured shoulder all last season. A strong man with immense legs, Sampson caught the eyes of scouts by running 40 yards in 4.8 because of Houston's weak running attack. Lewis Jolley, North Carolina's top rusher and leading scorer, rates a long look. Solomon Freelon, 6-2, 256 Little All-American guard from Grambling, and Rhett Dawson, Florida State's 6-2 receiver who caught 62 passes in 1972, are others with a chance to make it.

PITTSBURGH

The Steelers raised a few eyebrows

when they went to Franco Harris, Penn State's 6-2, 225 durable running back, instead of the flashy Lydell Mitchell of the same school, who lasted until late in the second round. Harris is a strong runner and blocker with size to pair with the smaller John Fuqua. Gordon Gravelle, 6-5, 250 tackle from Brigham Young, is the prototype of NFL line-men. He could replace 33-year-old John Brown. The Steelers also like tight end John McMakin, 6-0, 225 of Clemson and defensive back Lorenzo Brinkley, 6-0, 175 of Missouri who can play the corner or safety. The "sleeper" may be Joe Gillian, a 6-2, 187 black quarterback from Tennessee State who threw 65 touchdowns in four years. Ron Curl, 6-1, 250 defensive star at Michigan State, will be switched to guard at Pittsburgh because of his short stature.

AFC WEST

DENVER

Riley Odoms was absolutely the top tight end prospect in the college ranks last season and is due to fit into the starting lineup with the Broncos. The 6-4, 250 Houston product came into his own last season when he caught 45 passes for an average gain of 16 yards. A solid blocker and talented receiver he is big enough and strong enough to handle the pro linebackers. The Broncos weren't able to do much about their outside passing game but think they helped themselves on defense with linebackers Bill Phillips, 6-2, 245 of Arkansas State, and Tom Graham, 6-3, 238 who missed most of the Oregon season because of an ankle injury. Jim Dreig could help the air attack on his speed but his size, 5-8, 170, is against him.

KANSAS CITY

It will be tough for any rookie to crack the solid lineup of the Chiefs but Jeff Kinney, a 6-2-210 running back from Nebraska, has the best chance. Kinney was a power runner in college, gaining 1,037 yards for the national champions in 222 carries. The durable back also showed ability as a blocker and pass receiver and has played in a system similar to the Chiefs multiple offense. Andy Hamilton, 6-3, 195 from LSU, is a wide receiver who should provide depth behind Otis Taylor and Elmo Wright. He caught 45 passes for nine touchdowns last season. Other rookies with a chance are Milt Davis of Texas Arlington and John Kahlen of Long Beach State, a pair of defensive ends and Dean Carlson, the Iowa State quarterback.

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The Chargers were so embarrassed by their defense last season that, after trading for Deacon Jones, Greg Wojcik and George Wright, they used their first draft pick to take Pete Lazetich, 6-3, 245 Stanford defensive end. Lazetich was quick enough to lead Stanford with 99 tackles. If Bill McClard, long range Arkansas place kicker, can do the job, Coach Harland Seare would like to have Dennis Partee confine his efforts to punting. McClard, 6-0, 205, set NCAA records for kick scoring with 212 points. He booted a 60-yard field goal against Southern Methodist in 1970. Jim Bishop, a tight end type, 6-2, 225, from Tennessee Tech and Harry Gooden, 6-5, 225, defensive end from Alcorn A & M are others with a chance to make grade at San Diego.

THE INSIDE STORY OF JOE TORRE'S NEW REDBIRD ROLE

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grass in the National League has added a dozen points, perhaps two dozen, to his batting average. If Joe gets any wood at all on the ball it is past an infielder before he can get his glove down. Joe also has been known to cut the legs out from under a few with vicious low liners.

Joe is Mr. Reliability in the clutch. He had 22 game-winning hits in 1971. He had a streak of 22 games in which he hit safely and he wound up the season by connecting in 35 of his last 37 contests. This feat played a big part in the second-place finish for the Cards in the Eastern Division.

Torre was held without a hit in only 28 of his 161 games last year and said it really made him respect Rogers Hornsby's great season in 1924 when he was blanked in only 22 games. The Rajah, without a doubt the greatest right-handed batter in the history of the game, hit an incredible .424 that season.

"It's really hard to believe", said Torre. "But neither can I imagine anyone getting 257 hits in a 154-game season as George Sisler did in 1920 and the 190 rbi's Hack Wilson had in 1930 were fabulous."

Joe insists that playing third base full time, after so many seasons divided

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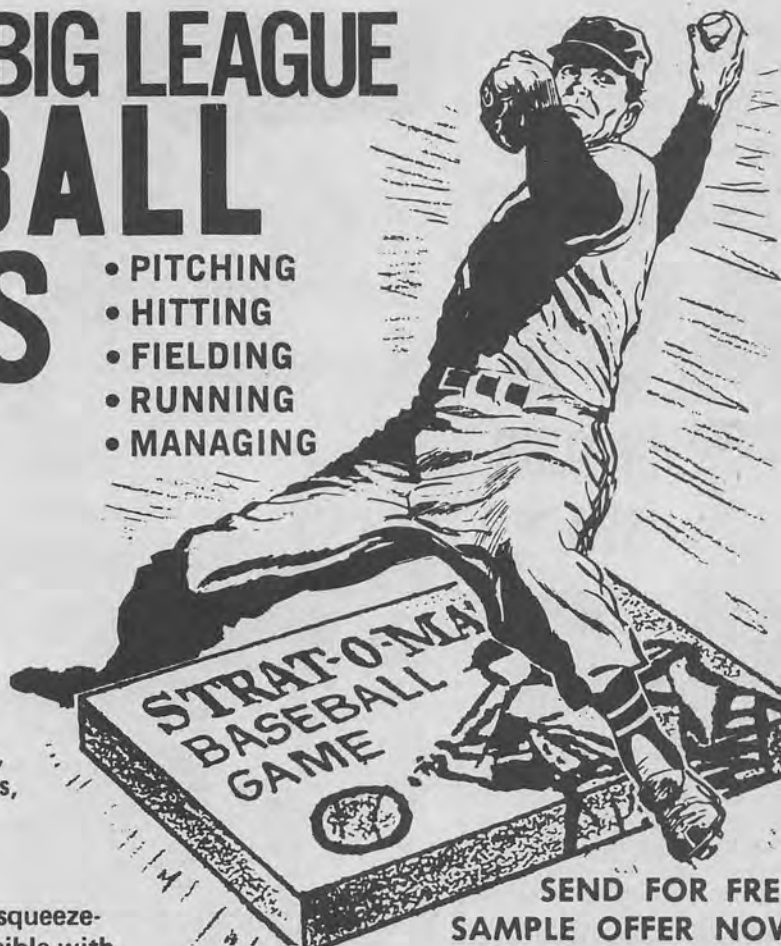
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between catching and first base, helped his batting average zoom. He says it might be something for even such a great player as Cincinnati's Jonny Bench to think about. Bench, an All-Star catcher, plays another position, the outfield or third base, when he needs a respite from the backstop's chores.

"Catching demands a lot of concentration", Torre observed. "It seems as though you never stop thinking about the other team's batters and their weaknesses and strengths. I found myself doing it even when I was at bat. I don't have that worry at third base."

One of the Cardinal coaches, Ken Boyer, was a brilliant fielding third baseman in his playing days. He commented on the steady improvement shown by Torre in these terms.

"Joe has a great ability for charging topped balls or bunts down the third base line. He has good hands and I've seen only a few shots go by him on his left that would have been fielded by another third baseman. Perhaps only Brooks Robinson."

It's at the plate, however, where Torre earns that \$100,000-plus salary. His batting average has climbed steadily since he became a Cardinal and he is quick to credit St. Louis manager Red Schoendienst and a former Cardinal batting coach, Dick Sisler. In Joe's first year in St. Louis, 1969, he hit .289. That was 18 points better than the .271 he batted in Atlanta the year before. In 1970 he tacked on 36 points more, posting a .325 average for the Cards. And last year he added 38 points to finish at .363.

What it all adds up to is that in three years Joe added 92 points to his average. He says Red and Dick showed him bat control. In Atlanta he tried to hit everything out of the park.

Joe has learned to hit the ball where it is pitched, an art that every high-average man has to master. At one time an ambitious slugger with hopes of a lot of home runs, he no longer feels that way. He hit 24 homers last year. His biggest HR season was in 1964 when the Braves were still in Milwaukee. Joe hit 36 that year.

"When I purposely try for a home run now, I'm a terrible hitter", he confessed. "Once or twice last year I was silly enough to try for one. Each time it happened with two out and nobody on. Each time I popped the ball straight up."

Joe's monthly averages in 1971 were remarkable. He hit .366 in the month of April, .355 in May, .393 in June, .324 in July, and .368 in both August and September.

In the MVP voting Torre was an easy winner. In all, 24 baseball writers voted, two for each city in the National League, and Joe got 21 ballots. Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell received the other three.

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Joe never lost sight of his waistline,
however, and went to spring training
weighing the same 200 pounds that he
finished the 1971 season at. He exercised
wherever he could and looked the other
way when high calorie dishes were being
passed around.

He deviated only from that once
during the 1971 season. It happened dur-
ing a series between the Cards and the
Mets at Shea Stadium. Joe's mother,
still living in Brooklyn, prepared an
Italian feast for Joe and some of his
teammates.

It had calories by the thousands. The
players waded through huge portions of
antipasto, lasagna, meat balls, sausages,
veal and some good red wine. Joe was
the clean-up hitter of the group with the
knife and fork and played the same role
the next day in a game with the Mets at
Shea Stadium. He made three hits.

There were some National League
pitchers who gave Joe trouble last year.
Their names were Bill Stoneman of
Montreal, Al Downing of the Los An-
geles Dodgers, Don Gullett of the Cin-
cinnati Reds, Steve Blass of the Pirates
and Tom Seaver of the New York Mets.

Torre rated Stoneman the single
toughest pitcher for him. Joe batted
.386 against Montreal last year but man-
aged only two hits in 15 times at bat
against Bill. It was no fluke. In 1970
Torre managed just one hit in eight
times at bat against Stoneman.

"It's hard for me to pick him up
because of his motion", Torre said. "He
hides the ball well and he has so many
different pitches to look for—two differ-
ent fast balls, two different curves, two
sliders and super control." Joe made
only one hit in 13 attempts against
Downing last year but it was Al's first
time around in the National League and
Torre was hopeful of doing better this
season.

Torre says he usually can see the ball
well when Seaver pitches but he never
makes a mistake. In spring training
Seaver commented that he considered
Torre the smartest hitter in the National
League.

Joe chuckled and said... "Yeah, I'm
so smart I got only a few hits off Seaver
in 14 tries last year. They were singles
and they went through the infield as
though they had eyes."

Most parks look alike to Torre but he
thinks the Houston Astrodome is the
toughest stadium in the league for hit-
ters, followed by Dodger Stadium in
Los Angeles and his own field, Busch
Stadium in St. Louis.

WHAT YOGI BERRA MUST PROVE TO HIMSELF

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"I just wanted to see how I could do
if I got another chance," he said.

Immediately speculation began as to
how Berra would handle the Mets play-
ers. He had not been able to handle the
Yankee players and as a result lost his
job.

"One thing you have to remem-
ber," said Ed Kranepool, whose locker at
Shea was adjacent to Berra's for five
years, "is that here Yogi won't be man-
aging his friends. With the Yankees he
was the same age as everybody else.
Here he is much older. It will be a
different situation."

Yogi was asked if he anticipated any
problems with the Mets similar to the
problems he had with the Yankees.

"Problems? I didn't have any prob-
lems. I thought I done a good job over
there," he said.

Berra had indeed won a Pennant in
his one season with the Yankees but to
deny that he had any problems is to
deny that it will not all be smooth and
easy with the Mets.

First of all, he has inherited Hodges
coaches, Rube Walker, Joe Pignatano and
Eddie Yost. It will not be easy to
transfer that loyalty they held for
Hodges immediately to Berra. In some
cases, especially Pignatano's and
Walker's who were beloved friends of
the late manager, it may be almost
impossible.

Secondly Berra will be fighting the
image of Hodges in every move he
makes. Gil was a strong, conservative
person. Berra doesn't have the same
temperament in the least. He is more
outgoing than Hodges but does have
difficulties communicating. Hodges
never did though his communications
were quick and to the point.

One time before the first 1969 play-
off game against Atlanta, Tommie Agee
sat in the clubhouse dressing. The rest
of his teammates were already on the
field.

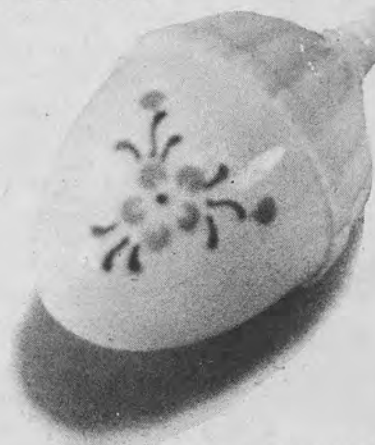
"Congratulations," said Hodges.
"That must cost me fifty bucks,"
said Agee.

Words are not Berra's strong suit. If
the Mets do not win, there will be a
great deal of needling about Yogi's ap-
pearance and language as well as his
inability to win. Berra's shape and
sound just naturally leads to needling.

The team is stronger than it was last
year. "The best team we ever took
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was its strength with Tom Seaver, Jerry Koosman, Gary Gentry and Tug McGraw in the bullpen.

"Yogi did a good job for us handling the pitchers," Ralph Houk said. "I'm sure that will be one of his strengths."

If Seaver doesn't win as expected, or if the strike situation fouls up the early pitching rotation, the Mets could be in trouble. Yogi would bear the burden of that trouble.

"I think we have a good club," he said. "I think we have a chance to win."

Berra won a two-year contract from the Mets which should avoid a lot of the problems he had in his one-year tenure with the Yankees. Still, the Mets must win or come close to keep the crowds coming to Shea. A great deal is expected from Berra.

If he fails, the players will grumble, as players do, and the problems will set in again. After all, the manager the Mets wanted in 1972 died. Berra was merely a pinch-hitter. Maybe the only available one at that late moment at that.

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tremendous leader. I don't think you could get anyone better and I think he's going to make a big difference in that Minnesota team."

Johnson then talked about how considerate Fran was and how he tried to get everyone into the act. He added that Fran would ask him frequently what kind of a play Ron wanted to run.

"In the huddle Fran would ask the linemen what they thought would work. He'd get down there on the ground and plot it out. Ron, you run here. Doug, you block this guy. I think it's the best way to run a team. I feel I know what plays I can run best and the linemen know best how they can block their men."

"The ability to involve the rest of his team, to share with the guys is a tremendous asset for a quarterback", Johnson said. "I like this approach better than the one where a quarterback knows it all, where he tells you to shut up and where there's only one boss and he's it."

The boss of the Vikings is the frequently glacial coach, Bud Grant, who won't let his men use any kind of heating appliances on icy, windy afternoons in Minnesota. Bud is a perfectionist. He has not found that trait in any of his previous quarterbacks, Joe Kapp, Cuozzo, Snead and Lee.

Grant welcomed the trade for Tarkenton. "Francis will give us versatility", he said. "He's a veteran with good

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experience. He's a leader. He throws the ball well from the pocket and he also can roll out and throw it".

Please note the word scramble did not get into that quote. How much in the way of pure scrambling the hard-bitten Grant will stand for is hard to say. His predecessor as Minnesota coach, the voluble Norm Van Brocklin, used to blow higher than the stadium roof over Fran's maneuvers in their six years together.

This will be Grant's sixth season as Viking coach and the first five were great unless you're the type who insists on a Super Bowl title. The Vikes have won the last four Central Division championships. They are in the National Conference of the NFL and have to compete with such perennial strongarm teams as the Detroit Lions, Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears.

Grant's won-lost-and-tied record for the first five seasons was 46-21-3. The Vikes did win the National League title in 1969 but played way below par in the Super Bowl loss to Kansas City. That was the last year of the National and American League Super Bowl games. Now it's the National and American Conferences.

If Coach Grant expressed satisfaction over the addition of Tarkenton, some of the Minnesota players were not quite as enthusiastic. Bob Lee, for one, bristled. "I started the last game we played last season", he snarled, "and if somebody else comes in he has to beat me out."

Running back Dave Osborn is one of the Vikes who played with Fran during his first stint in Minnesota. "Fran always scored a lot of points", he commented. "Our defense wasn't so hot then. We've got the defense now."

"I really didn't think much of the trade", the great tackle, Alan Page, observed. "I feel that we gave up too much. Tarkenton may be a good quarterback but I don't believe any one man is quite that good."

One of the most important things for Tarkenton to do immediately with the Vikings will be to establish a rapport with the other players, both on the offensive and defensive units. There were some indications last year that he had lost some of his charm so far as the other Giants were concerned.

Fran bolted the team during the exhibition season, leaving the squad high and dry before a game in Houston. When he returned to the squad the following week after coming to terms with Owner Wellington Mara he was greeted with boos and catcalls. Some of it was kidding, of course, but some of it may have been for real.

Lending credence to the latter theory was the behavior of the Giant players a week later when Tarkenton was roughed up but good by the Jets in a pre-season game in New Haven, Conn. John Elliott,

the star defensive tackle of the Jets, went out of his way to deck Francis after Tark went in for a touchdown.

Tarkenton jumped up bristling and for a moment seemed ready to fight but none of the other Giants went to his assistance. Elliott didn't need any help. Larry Grantham of the Jets, an old Tarkenton foe, told Fran he'd be stupid to take Elliott on.

There is nothing—but nothing—that irritates Fran more than being typed as a scrambler. He fumes over the montage in NFL films which always portrays him running backwards, sideways, and in general trying to stay out of harm's way.

"It's a matter of semantics", he insists. "I throw from the pocket. I use play-action. I sprint out. I cringe when I see a quarterback give up because his protection has broken down and he doesn't try to salvage something out of the play."

Although the Viking offensive line is not the equal of the wreckers on defense, it still is efficient. It should give Fran excellent protection most of the time this fall. The top runners are Osborn, Clint Jones, Oscar Reed and Jim Lindsey. Ed Marinaro, the touted rookie from Cornell, also will be fighting for a job.

If they can establish a strong running game it will help Fran and give him a chance to do something he loves, the play-action pass. It also will remove some of the pressure that goes with being the whole show. That was one of the problems he had to face with the Giants.

PETE ROSE TALKS ABOUT HIS SECRET GOALS

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"Mink stole?"

"Yeah," answered a chuckling Pete, "Karolyn won it at a bingo party last night."

"Don't say anything about the mink stole," Karolyn had called from the background. "I'm going to tell everyone Pete gave it to me for Christmas."

Rose's second straight batting title put him over the \$100,000 mark in salary. And, in signing the contract Rose fulfilled a vow he had made several years earlier.

At that time he had promised to himself that he was going to become the first non-home run hitter in baseball to reach the coveted \$100,000 plateau.

Rose has a habit of making good on promises to himself. That's why you can't write off as wishful thinking the three major goals he wants to accomplish before calling it quits.

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"Just think 192 hits last year," remarked Rose, disgustedly. "That really irks me. Just eight more hits and I'd been only three seasons shy of Cobb's record."

And, as mentioned earlier, batting .300 plus for 10 straight seasons is another of Pete's goals.

The third is 3,000. Rose is well aware that 3,000 hits almost automatically qualifies a guy for a berth in baseball's Hall of Fame.

Rose went into the 1972 season with a life—time total of 1724 hits.

"I was just 31 last April," pointed out Pete, "and I figure the way I keep myself in shape I can play until I'm 40."

"And," as Pete quickly pointed out, "that semi-pro football is the toughest kind. You don't have the real good equipment and the real good officiating to watch out for the rough stuff that can really wrack up a guy."

"A guy just has to hope he's going to be fortunate enough to escape serious injury," said Pete.

Hank Aaron, who's now bearing down on Babe Ruth's all-time home run record, can be offered as an example.

Aaron's knees are aching today but during his major league career he suffered only one serious injury, a broken leg.

"Luckily that came when the season was almost over so I didn't miss many games the year I broke it," Hank remarked not too long ago.

At the time Aaron was saying how very important a factor durability was when it comes down to a player's accomplishing the feat of collecting a career total of 3000 hits, a milestone Hank already has passed.

In past years Rose had kept himself in shape during the off-season by playing basketball. There was a time when he played on five teams on five different nights of the week.

Now, the Reds' front office frowns on the practice of players playing basketball. Because of this, Rose is contemplating trying his hand at managing.

Pete even went so far as investigating his chances of managing in the winter league this year when the Reds were in Venezuela this past spring playing three exhibition games with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I have been wondering what it'd be like to manage," said Pete, "So maybe I will try to find out. Also by managing I could work out with my players. That would make it real easy for me to stay in shape and keep my batting stroke during the off-season."

When Rose speaks of managing in Venezuela his enthusiasm isn't shared by Reds' general manager Bob Howsam.

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"Howsam told me this spring," said Pete "that every manager he has ever hired had been fired managing winter ball."

Obviously Howsam was telling Rose managing in the Latin winter leagues can be precarious to say the least.

Rose, though, has never been one to back off from a challenge even if it happen to come from a brick wall. ●

GENIUS OR ALSO RAN?—A NEW LOOK AT THE REDSKINS' GEORGE ALLEN

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at 25. Charley Harraway is the other setback and Roy Jefferson the number one flanker.

Although Allen seems to bring a smiling, rah-rah approach to the game of football, he is by no means a soft man. Pardee, who played for George in Los Angeles and was one of the seven Rams acquired by the 'Skins in the tremendous trade after Allen took over, has been closely connected with the coach for the last six seasons.

"Anybody who thinks Allen is an easy coach is mistaken," Pardee said. "He's not. In fact, he's a tough coach. But I'm not playing football to have somebody sympathize with me."

Two other defensive stars who played for George in Los Angeles, Deacon Jones with the Chargers and Merlin Olsen, still with the Rams, spoke in a similar vein about Allen.

"I learned more football from Allen than anybody else," Jones said. "He'd be a winner if he coached the Tijuana Red Wings. He works harder than anybody I've ever seen. He works so hard that he discouraged me from thinking about coaching."

— Still another Ram star, quarterback Roman Gabriel, was somewhat more ambivalent about George. Gabriel was the leader of the Ram group of players who fought for Allen's job when the late Dan Reeves, the owner of the club, fired George after the 1968 season. The player petition saved George's job.

"I have two opinions of Allen, one professional and one personal," Gabriel said. "My professional opinion is that he is a very good coach and I respect him. But I don't have the same personal opinion of him that I did once. He was quoted as saying he'd like me in Washington. He didn't really mean it. He just wanted to make himself look good."

It was only natural that Allen would be compared to the late Vince Lombardi, who had the Redskins for one year, 1969, but who died in September of 1970. Vince's 1969 club had a record of 7-5-2. The 1970 coach, Bill Austin, had a 6-8 record.

Boyd Dowler, a star receiver for Lombardi at Green Bay, came out of retirement (he had been working as a coach) to play for Allen last year as a wide receiver. He compared the two men as coaches.

"Both Vince and George were inspirational to players but in a different way", observed Dowler. "Vince was explosive. George is quiet. But by comparison with Vince anybody is quiet. One thing both men had in common. Nothing is overlooked in the drive for perfection."

Allen had never lost an opening exhibition game at Los Angeles where, by the way, his teams in a five-year span in regular season play had the best record in the National Conference, 49-17-4. But his record was broken in 1971 by the Over-The-Hill-Gang who dropped the first pre-season game, 19-10, to San Diego. The players trooped into the dressing room expecting a Lombardi-type chewing out.

Allen entered, gathered the players around him, and said: "Gol darn it, fellows, I must say I'm annoyed."

His former Ram players knew what to expect the next week, long and then longer workouts, an old Allen practice after a loss. The 'Skins toiled and toiled and improved enough to win their second exhibition contest. They beat the Broncos in Denver, 17-14. However, four of the Washington stars, Jurgensen, Kilmer, Brown and Harraway, all missed a curfew check. Each was fined \$500.

Allen managed to salvage something even out of that unpleasant episode. He talked to the members of the defensive unit and said: "Thank goodness none of the four players came from the defensive unit."

The defensive unit played strong football for George all season long and had to carry the team through a mid-season slump by the offense which managed only one touchdown in 14 quarters. The Redskins only gave up 190 points, second only to the great Minnesota defense.

The 'Skins were third in the National Conference in total defense. They were second against the rush and fifth against the pass. They led the entire NFL in interceptions with 29.

All the key injuries were to offensive players, starting with the exhibition-game mishap that sidelined Jurgensen. Sonny did not get back until mid-season, was reinjured shortly after he did, and that was it. Larry Brown was sub-par most of the season because of a knee problem and a calf injury.

The crack tight end, Jerry Smith, suffered a groin muscle pull in the fourth game of the season and wound up missing six of the 14 contests. But possibly the most damaging injury was the fractured ankle that hit Charley Taylor in the sixth game.

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The day he reported to the Tigers, teammate Mike Kilkenny called across the clubhouse, "Hello, there. First time I've seen you."

Loliche turned sideways and let his stomach protrude. "How could you miss me? he said.

The night the Tigers gave out their new double-knit road uniforms, Loliche sat in front of his locker shaking his head. "These will never do," he said. "What I need are triple knits."

His belly is a sensitive subject to him and he makes sense when he says nobody pays attention to it when he's winning but let him lose and "That Loliche, why doesn't he get into shape?.."

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Our files show that thousands of readers like yourself want to build bulging muscles and achieve real physical power like their favorite athletic champions. How to go about it? We decided to ask an expert, Dave Prowse, 3-times British Weightlifting champion and leading fitness expert. Here are his answers.

Q. What does it take to build muscles?

A. Basically, it takes exercise. Almost any exercise will help to develop at least some of your muscles if you keep at it long enough and hard enough.

Q. Isn't there an easier way?

A. Yes. There is one outstandingly effective training method that is also fast and easy—the one I use and recommend—the new Bullworker system.

Q. What's that?

A. The Bullworker is a revolutionary new muscle-building exerciser based on Isometrics, the science that increases strength up to four times faster than conventional methods. In my opinion, it's the most advanced training system in the world today. Many leading athletes use it: World-famous Heavyweight Boxer Muhammad Ali, World Heavyweight Judo Champion Wim Ruska, and Cycling Champion Eddy Merckx, to name only a few.

Q. How long does Bullworker training take?

A. Bullworker provides absolutely the fastest kind of exercise possible. In fact, an introduction training program takes only 70 seconds a day. No other system—weightlifting, pulleys, or strenuous calisthenics—can give you results so quickly and easily. On the contrary, many old-fashioned methods take hours of sweaty, boring work each day...and it's often months before you begin to see improvements. Busy professional athletes and champions don't have time for that. Nobody does.

Q. How long does it take before you begin getting results?

A. With the Bullworker, you can actually begin to see and measure the positive results right from the very first day! Thanks to a built-in measuring device called the Powermeter. After every exercise you just check the reading to see exactly how much your strength has increased from the day before. There's no guesswork involved. Isometric Bullworker training can increase your power at the amazing rate of up to 4% per week! That means a 50% increase in strength in the first three months alone. And I've known many young men who have gone on to double and even triple their strength.

Jack Barclay, junior Mr. Europe shows the kind of results he achieved with Isometric Bullworker training.



Dave Prowse, 3-time British Weightlifting champion, demonstrates a super-effective 7-second exercise for building powerful biceps... using the new Bullworker with built-in powermeter.

Q. What do those figures mean in visual terms?

A. They mean that in as little as 14 days you can actually begin to see muscle growth in a mirror and verify it with a tape measure. Every week thereafter brings ever faster growth.

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Q. But to get such impressive results, don't you have to work very hard?

A. Absolutely not. That's the outstanding advantage of Isometric training... it's so amazingly easy! Each "Static-power" Isometric exercise takes only 7 seconds, and you barely have to move. It's not even necessary to disrobe. The Bullworker is so light and compact, it can be used at home, in the office, anywhere... even while watching TV! It's a great improvement over bulky, expensive weights, bicycle machines, pulleys, etc.

Q. Can Bullworker training even develop bodies which are weak and skinny, or fat and flabby?

A. Definitely! It's been proven by thousands of men of every shape, size and age all over the world. Bullworker training helps transform weak, thin arms into rippling, muscular pillars of strength, build broad, powerful shoulders, turn flat, shallow chests into deep, manly ones, forge loose stomach flab into steel-hard, well-defined muscle... build that "V" shape of a real athlete, develop sturdy, contoured thighs and calves... And all this in record time!

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Q. How can our readers find out more about the Bullworker, perhaps actually try it for themselves?

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